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City in bid to be World Cup host

BY SIMONE CORGAN

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MILTON Keynes wants to become a host city for the World Cup.

England launched their bid for the 2018 or 2022 FIFA World Cup on Monday with 15 cities, including MK, in the running to host matches.

If successful it would see the MK Dons stadium transformed into a 40,000 seater venue for the prestigious tournament.

It is likely only 12 of the 15 cities will be involved in the World Cup and MK now has until December to persuade the England 2018 bidding team that they are the ideal hosts.

Hull, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Sheffield, Sunderland, Birmingham, Derby, Leicester, Nottingham, Bristol, London, and Portsmouth are the other bidding cities.

Currently the stadiummk, the home of MK Dons, holds 20,000. Opening the upper tier raises it to 32,000, but FIFA criteria dictates a ground would need to have a minimum 40,000 capacity for the World Cup.

Dons chairman and member of the MK 2018 bid consortium, Pete Winkelman, spoke to MK NEWS at the Wembley launch on Monday.

He said: "I think the title of our campaign will have to be 'raising the roof for Milton Keynes'. I'm proud of what our city is able to achieve when it puts it's mind to it. I think Milton Keynes has the potential to excite and interest everyone around the world."

David Beckham and Wayne Rooney are backing the bid

Should MK make the final cut they are likely to be the base camp for at least one of the 32 finalists, fan parks will be created which stay open for the duration of the tournament to bring the festival to the streets, and public transport would be free to ticket-holders on match days.

It would be huge boost for the local economy, with tourism, hotels and accommodation all benefiting.

The MK bid consortium consists of Milton Keynes Council, Milton Keynes Partnerships, MK Dons FC, Milton Keynes Parks Trust, leaders of each political party and MPs.

Mark Lancaster, MP for north east Milton Keynes said: "I think it's a fantastic event for the country as a whole. It would really put Milton Keynes on the footballing map as well as bringing enormous benefits to the city's economy. I am backing this event 100 per cent."

Dr Phyllis Starkey, MP for Milton Keynes south west added: "I fully support Milton Keynes' bid to be one of the host stadiums.

I think Milton Keynes has a strong case to be successful, apart from the fantastic stadium and a wonderful football team, we also have a strong diverse community who would welcome supporters and the teams."

An initial submission must be with the FA by August, with December the deadline for the full submission.

Chairman of England 2018 Lord David Triesman said: "The stadiums in my view have to exceed what FIFA are asking for. I wouldn't rule out any of the new stadia from having that potential. I was in the new stadium in Milton Keynes a few weeks ago...with Milton Keynes there's no reason to think they can't succeed."

Mr Winkelman added: "We thrive on the challenges, thrive on the obstacles and to be an international host city in front of billions of people who will watch this tournament, for it to be in Milton Keynes it would be a little bit special."

England will discover if they will host the 2018 or 2022 World Cup by December 2010.

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Stability call as Sam Crooks replaces Isobel McCall as new council leader

New leader: Cllr Sam Crooks

APPOINTING a new council leader will herald a new chapter in the story of Milton Keynes.

That is according to opposition councillors who last night were set to welcome the Lib Dems' bid to continue control – but only if Cllr Sam Crooks is at the helm.

Two weeks ago the former cabinet member for finance replaced Cllr Isobel McCall as leader of the Lib Dems.

During her time as leader the council was dogged by the 'one star' Audit Commission rating which ranked it alongside Haringey, Doncaster and Surrey.

Yesterday opposition leaders had no plans to put forward an alternative leader, leaving the position to Cllr Crooks by default.

The balance of power is held by ten Labour members who, leader Norman Miles said, put aside political differences and 'did a deal' with Cllr Crooks in the interests of the city.

Cllr Crooks said: "We want to put the council at the centre of Milton Keynes life and to do that we need to ensure that there's stable government so that we're not chopping and changing from one meeting to the next. There are some huge decisions to be made, and the council has to rise to that."

He said his cabinet will comprise seven Lib Dems.

Tory leader Cllr Andrew Geary said: "I believe this is a good move forward and will begin the next chapter in the story of Milton Keynes. Of course we feel the best thing would be a Conservative administration, but that's for the electorate to decide next year."

MPs' EXPENSES

'I can't live in a teeny weeny house'

– Phyllis Starkey

Mark Lancaster

Tory's claim reduced when he swapped his second home after splitting with his wife

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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SECOND home expenses for the city's MPs include claims for rent, mortgage payments and items from Ikea and Argos.

But while he believes his allowances were 'frugal', Mark Lancaster, member for north east Milton Keynes, wants to set up a panel of constituents to scrutinise all future claims.

In 2007-8, Mr Lancaster claimed £22,541 of the controversial second home allowance.

The Conservative member's receipts, obtained by MK NEWS, include £395 for a bed and two bedside drawers from Ikea.

In March 2008, the most recent month for which figures are available, he claimed £1,408.33 for renting his Westminster flat.

Previously his second home was his constituency address in Olney. Here he claimed up to £2,400 a month for the interest on its mortgage.

He changed the designation of his second home – for which MPs can claim up to £23,083 a year – in November 2007 after splitting up with his wife.

He now wants to set up a panel, reflecting a cross-section of the city, to whom he would e-mail his expenses each month. It would allow them to sound the alarm if he contravened the new criteria.

Phyllis Starkey, Labour MP for Milton Keynes south west, claimed £17,969 of this 'additional costs allowance' in 2007-8.

In March 2008 alone she was reimbursed £1,514.40. This comprised £1,160 for rent, £84 for utilities, £135.40 for council tax, £95 for telephone and communications, and £40 for cleaning.

In July 2007 she claimed £129.99 for an Argos phone/fax machine.

Dr Starkey, who felt 'frustrated and astonished' at colleagues' claims, said: "The rules are not tremendously clear on which is your second home.

"I've decided mine's the one I own in London where I spend four days a week."

When asked about claiming more for rent than many people earn she said: "It's a commercial let. I can't live in a teeny weeny house. There's my husband to consider. He moves here at the weekend."

She added: "I think we generally need to get a grip on the system and reform it. This is bringing the whole of Parliament into disrepute.

"Some people think we shouldn't get any expenses. But if we didn't it would only be people with inherited wealth who would be able to be MPs."

Mr Lancaster said: "We have to try and regain people's trust and setting up my expenses panel would be a way to do that.

"I've always called for openness and I'm sorry that the actions of the few mean it has come to this. I've got nothing to hide, though there will always be things which an individual will question whether they could have got it cheaper."

Mr Lancaster plans to publish his expenses online once bank details have been removed.

Dr Starkey's are now on her website www.phyllisstarkey.labour.co.uk

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OAP wrongly told his wife was dead

MK Primary Care Trust apologises to couple after 'system error' led to distressing telephone call

BY ROB GIBSON
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Inappropriate diagnosis: Medical supplies company called to collect equipment after telling Clifford Rose his wife Anita had died

A HEALTH service blunder left a pensioner shocked and upset after he was wrongly told that his wife was dead.

Clifford Rose was sitting at home on Friday when a driver from Air Liquide phoned to say he was coming to collect the oxygen cylinders which his 68-year-old wife, Anita, depends on.

When Mr Rose questioned why the equipment had to be returned he was told that his wife had died.

He rushed upstairs to check on Anita, who suffers from emphysema, osteoporosis and angina, before reassuring the red-faced caller that his wife was still alive.

Mr Rose, 67, from Great Linford, said: "The oxygen people rang me up and said we're coming to collect all the oxygen.

"They said my wife was dead.

"Ringing up to say my wife is dead is just not on.It's not funny.

"Fortunately Anita was here at the time.

"What worries me is if it had been someone else with a bad heart who had picked that phone up or someone whose wife was in hospital."

Milton Keynes Primary Care Trust has blamed the blunder on a 'systems error' which incorrectly listed Mrs Rose as deceased.

Air Liquide is the leading provider of respiratory products such as oxygen cylinders, refills and removals for patients cared for by the PCT.

Mrs Rose, who administers her own treatment at home, was too upset to comment yesterday.

A PCT spokesman said: "Milton Keynes Primary Care Trust has offered an unreserved apology to the patient for the distress caused in this incident, which occurred due to a systems error.

"Protocols have been put in place to safeguard against such an incident happening again.

"The PCT is happy to conduct a full investigation, if the patient would like to accept the PCT's invitation to use the official complaints channel."

A spokesman for Air Liquide said: "Air Liquide also sincerely apologises for any distress caused to the patient and her family."

DS guilty of misconduct is busted to constable

A POLICE sergeant has been found guilty of misconduct following an internal investigation.

Detective Sergeant Paul Bowen was investigated by Thames Valley Police's Professional Standards Department after allegations about his conduct at work.

At an internal hearing on Friday, May 1, he was found guilty and demoted to the rank of constable.

He worked in the Professional Standards Department for more than two years.

As a detective, DS Bowen was in charge of the high profile case against local journalist Sally Murrer and Mark Kearney, the detective who was accused of leaking sensitive information to the press.

The £1million prosecution collapsed last year when a judge ruled that the information did not justify the intrusive investigation by Thames Valley Police.

DS Bowen was also part of the team which is investigating four police officers from Milton Keynes for allegedly using Class A drugs, as revealed by MK NEWS in August 2008.

The force refused to comment on the details of the charges, or the cases they relate to, because PC Bowen is a serving officer.

A spokesman for Thames Valley Police said: "We can confirm that on May 1, 2009 a misconduct hearing found that six charges of misconduct against a detective sergeant were proven. The charges related to misconduct in accordance with police regulations.

"As a result, he has been demoted from the rank of sergeant to constable and will continue to serve with Thames Valley Police."

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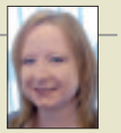

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Sociable shopping

SIR – No to Tesco in Newport Pagnell.

The Tesco spokesman believes, wrongly, that most people here do their shopping outside the town.

I have lived in the town for 33 years – I do all my food shopping in the town of Newport Pagnell because we are already well served with supermarkets and I want to keep our High Street alive.

It is not just a trip to the shops here it is a social experience. To meet friends and acquaintances in the town lifts your spirits and keeps you in touch with the people around you. This provides a supportive community spirit.

The town is historic and pretty, we have had by-passes to reduce traffic through the town and traffic calming to slow itdown.

A Tesco store here makes no sense – there are plenty of large supermarkets on the larger roads on the outside of town.

Pat Bradnam
Sent by e-mail

■ SIR – Thank you for a very balanced approach and video towards the efforts of residents of Newport Pagnell stopping the Tesco development.

Chris Holroyde
Priory Street, Newport Pagnell

■ SIR – I agree totally, Tesco sucks the life out of all the places in which it sets up stores.

It promises job security but don't care about their staff, let alone customers.

Leighton Buzzard, is full of charity shops after Tesco hit, Wolverton is the same – they are all dead towns.

All Tesco cares about are the £££££s .

Shove off Tesco – leave Newport Pagnell alone!

Tesco, you don't deserve to build any more stores, it should be like up North where you were shoved out!

Get the message these people are trying to tell you, it's their town not yours!

F Hill
Sent by e-mail

Shopping centre needs free parking—not buses

SIR – Having studied all the facts available to me, it seems that the council is planning to remove all the free parking in Milton Keynes.

I have lived in and around MK for 19 years now and enjoyed the benefits of travelling to and from work and being able to leave my car in safe enviroment and still not having to pay.

It is a great shame to change this for the council to improve a bus service that, well, let's be honest is OK and does the job it was originaly brought in to do – moving locals around MK between the areas that are around the shopping centre.

Please note, shopping centre and not town centre as is the way in other towns around the UK.

These are like this because they have narrow streets and footpaths next to the road.

MK is just the opposite with redways for walkers and cyclists and dual carriage ways for cars to move quickly from A to B and back to A again.

Since this was the case when MK was originaly built and must surely benefit modern, economical cars that are cleaner than ever before, why use a dirty, smelly bus pumping out bad fumes? Where is the insentive for me?

For the last seven years I have lived out of MK in a village. The bus service cannot get me to and from work an affordable cost, because my car is very ecomical.

There's no stop-start like a bus and my journey only takes 15 minutes whereas the bus takes about 40 minutes.

To me the £5million given to the council by the Government to subsidise the buses is being badly used and would be best used to keep the roads open and safe or give a free park and ride to people travelling to work in MK from out of MK – at times that suit all aspects of working people, from office staff to retail staff.

Increasing parking charges should be enough if spent properly. The current free ones should be left alone.

As you can see there are no benefits for me with an improved bus service unless you can also influence South Northants Council as well and make the journey more affordable.

MK is a shopping centre, not a town centre and there is not one shopping centre in the UK that charges people to park – so why should we be any different?

Plus, we are not a city and so people should stop calling us a city centre we are a shopping centre.

If you think you can come up with a cheaper option for me to get to and from the shopping centre where I am a retail manager then I am all ears.

And let's not forget it's the election next year and the Conservatives are saying they will not increase parking payments in MK – you can guess which way most people will be voting.

This is a very serious issue and should be thought about carefully and people should be listened to.

Mark Rockingham
Sent by e-mail

Make allowances

SIR – If Members of Parliament wish to introduce a fair allowance system, I suggest they introduce means testing – much like the claiming of pension credit – for their allowances.

Governments past and present have told pensioners that this is the fairest way to help those that are in need of extra money.

This would go some way towards helping them to redeem themselves in the eyes of the general public after the disgraceful way that some of the members have so badly behaved.

Dennis Brett
Milton Keynes Pensioners' Association
Minton Close, Blakelands

■ SIR – Why did Mark Lancaster MP claim £22,541 for a second home allowance in 2008?

Why does he have a flat in London when MK is within easy commuting distance?

Dr Phyllis Starkey MP commutes to London. Why can't he?

Malcolm Macgregor
Oldbrook

Disaster league

SIR – In response to Dave Brunwin's letter last week regarding Gaza.

I have to say that if he were not so totally obsessed with his hostility towards Israel he might notice that, at the present time, in Pakistan and Sri Lanka, there are far more serious humanitarian crises occurring with much greater loss of life than ever occurred in Gaza.

I ask Mr Brunwin, therefore, when he will be joining national marches and demonstrations for the unfortunate peoples of Pakistan and Sri Lanka?

Nothing reveals so clearly the hypocrisy of the left-wing anti-Israel brigade as its failure to note that humanitarian disasters far worse than that of Gaza are regularly occurring across the world.

Zvi Friedman
Two Mile Ash

Recession thoughts

SIR – I have just read your interesting article about Milton Keynes being hit hard by the recession.

My opinion before the recession was that the availability of jobs and general prosperity of MK would mean that it should 'weather the storm' very well, so your article also surprises me.

Clearly there have been quite a few redundancies by some pretty big organisations and I am told that some office workers have still to find work after two months of unemployment.

However, I suspect that if we drill down into the data we may see some effect from economic migrants.

I cannot be the only one to have noticed an influx of ethnic and European migrants over the last two years.

A split of the ethnicity of the job seekers registering may answer this point.

Name and address supplied

Sweet tweet

SIR – I am writing in support of your reader's letter 'watch the birdies' printed last week.

If anyone ever watched a bird built its nest, they would have understood how laborious it was for a tiny creature using only its beak as a tool to gather twigs and build a nest.

In February I saw this magpie at the start of his nest building.

It took him several weeks from dawn to dusk to build the nest and many more weeks after to finish.

Have some sympathy for these creatures, imagine how it would feel if your house was destroyed.

Irene Sharper
Walnut Tree

Council carphobia

SIR – As the ruling party, the Lib-Dem councillors have been the driving force behind the anti-motorist measures spreading across our city.

To show their support for the five per cent of residents who use buses, the Lib-Dems are keen to penalise the 90 per cent of us who use a car.

They intend to convert all the remaining free parking across CMK into pay-and-display. They have recently increased most car parking charges and will shortly increase the rest.

They intend to install half a dozen expensive electronic displays solely for bus users, remarkably few of whom are likely to see one let alone use one.

To pay for these pointless displays, every household in MK must pay many extra pounds in rates.

Please will the leaders of the other parties give us their views on these displays as well as on car parking, traffic lights, bus lanes, speed limits, estate-road narrowing/bumps and the token Station Square consultation.

Ninety per cent of their constituents will be very interested.

K Powell.
Heelands.

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WE all want to see good bus services, especially where these can be routed close to where people live and the idea of planning bus services from the start of a new estate is of course the correct thing to do.

But the council's belated implementation of the new service in Oxley Park has probably done more harm than good...the council need to meet with local residents and discuss a way forward; the shoddy way this has been handled is unacceptable.

Dr Phyllis Starkey, MP for Milton Keynes South West

I CANNOT believe that people are happy to be quoted as saying that the majority of people on an estate 'have no need to utilise the bus service'... surely even those who inhabit an 'exclusive' estate are aware that cars are not the most eco-friendly method of travel.

Dianna Moylan

I WAS interested to see that the residents of Oxley Park are 'too posh to bus'.

As a resident of Kingsmead and a local parish councillor I have been fighting unsuccessfully on behalf of several pensioners on the estate to get the service through Kingsmead, which was withdrawn some time ago on the grounds that it was uneconomic, reinstated.

If Oxley Park don't want it I am sure there are those in Kingsmead who would be pleased he take it off their hands."

Keith Thomas

WE are having a children's play park put in just near our house and I am actually concerned about the children's safety as the buses go so fast down the street.

There is adequate bus stops along the H6 and V2, which are only a short 5 minute walk away from the house.

Rachel Green

I LIVE in Westcroft and together with many parents we walk our children to school at Oxley Park every day and we have serious concerns around this bus route, especially during the school run in the morning and afternoon.

Due to how tight it is for these buses and how busy it gets during these times, how long will it be before a child is hit or run over by a bus with no-one on it.

Nick Lewis

IF the people of Oxley park have an issue with buses running through their estate, then those people should take their grievance to the local council and the bus company management.

One thing that they should NOT do is start threatening or abusing the bus driver(s).

The bus driver is doing a day's work and if their schedule says to run through Oxley Park or any other district in Milton Keynes, then that is what they will do.

Peter Walduck

THIS seems like a case of gross elitism to me. It is also a sign of our times that even 'respectable exclusive residents' feel the need to use intimidation to make their point!

In an age when we are supposedly trying to promote public transport, perhaps these people should leave their gas-guzzling cars at home and use the transport provided, themselves.

Eric Smart

I PERSONALLY do not use the buses in Oxley Park, but I live on Lockhart Avenue, I see the buses as a must for some people and those people need the service.

I also think a lot of people on Oxley park are far too lazy to use the allocated parking they have or swap the two cars they have around on their driveways.

Matt Dangerfield

I AM a resident of Oxley Park who does not own or drive a car.

I am not poor, nor a second class citizen. I occupy a similar three-storey property to those on Harlow Crescent but, due to circumstances beyond my control, I am unable to drive.

Why, therefore, does Mr Balladon, in supreme arrogance and ignorance, assume that a bus service is not required on this development as 'everyone has a car'?

Name and address supplied

NOBODY blocked the bus in deliberately.

Most people have two cars but only one parking space so have to park out the front of our homes.

As for a baseball bat-wielding resident, you actually say residents so I assume there was more than one, if that is in fact true, then the culprits need to be arrested and properly delt with as this is unacceptable.

Mrs Deena Ronnie

FIRSTLY let me say that everyone has the right to use public transport if they require it.

I have no real objection to the routes being through the estates during the daytime if a valid reason can be given, but this should not continue past say 6pm.

Derek Anderson
Kents Hill

OF course, we agree with public transport being available to everyone, but not 'in our faces'.

The original MK master plan was for buses or trams to run only on the grid roads, so preserving the rural atmosphere in the residential estates.

If we wanted buses running past our doors we could move back to the London sprawl we left in order to live in a rural paradise like Milton Keynes."

Lohn Page
Fullers Slade

I FEAR that your paper will be running a more serious headline regarding the serious injury or indeed the death of a child.

An alternative route or suspension of the route during school opening and closing times must be implemented.

Paul Savill, Westcroft

Last week MK NEWS revealed that some residents in Oxley Park are against a new bus service running through the estate. We were inundated with letters both for and against the Number 2 service, which was agreed by the council while the estate was being planned in 2004 and introduced four weeks ago. It stops every 20 minutes at three new bus stops inside the Oxley Park estate in Hepburn close and Harlow Crescent. Here are some of your views on the service.

Oxley park anti-bus route petitioner Paul Balladon

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Uncle died, aged 19, in Battle of Fromelles

BY ROB GIBSON
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TWO siblings will make an emotional trip to a French battlefield if archeologists manage to find their missing uncle buried there.

A major project to exhume and identify about 400 soldiers killed during the First World War was launched by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission earlier this month and their list includes seven missing soldiers from Milton Keynes.

This week MK NEWS tracked down one of the descendents.

Nadine Ditum, from Yardley Gobion, saw our report and her brother Ross called the Commission to see if they could help.

Nadine said her father, Vic Guntrip, would have been touched by the search for his brother Richard's batallion, if he were alive today.

"My dad would have been very pleased about this news," Nadine, 59, said.

"He was three-years-old when his brother died.

"I don't know why it's taken so long for someone to look for them but I think it's a really good thing.

"We would like to go out there if they find him."

Private Richard Guntrip was born in St James Street, New Bradwell, enlisted in the army at 16, and was killed in action at the Battle of Fromelles on July 19, 1916, aged 19.

Last year researchers discovered several unmarked mass graves on the outskirts of Fromelles.

As part of identification process, experts will take DNA samples from the bodies and try to find a family link with the help of the soldiers' relatives.

Ranald Leask, from the Commission, said: "Some people may be unaware that their relative was involved at Fromelles.

"They never came back and their bodies were never found.

"They might have been buried by the Germans here."

The Commission aims to give the soldiers a military burial in March 2010 by building its first new cemetery in almost 50 years.

Other missing soldiers from the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry include Private Frank Andrews and Corporal Albert Fincher, both from New Bradwell.

Their names can be found alongside Private Guntrip's at the memorial in New Bradwell cemetery.

The four other soldiers are Corporal Edward Battams, killed aged 20, and Private Benjamin Warr, killed at 22, both from Bletchley, Private Frank Hodgson, from Wolverton, killed aged 20, and Private Frederick Willis from Stony Stratford.

To check the list of missing casualties visit www.fromelles.org

Could you be a descendent of the Fromelles fallen? e-mail editor@mk-news.co.uk

Private Richard Guntrip's name on the First World War memorial in New Bradwell cemetery

Football fan fined and banned after indecent chanting

A MILTON Keynes man has been handed a football banning order for indecent chanting at a Premier League match.

Ian Trow, 42, of Kingshill Drive, Deanshanger, appeared at Portsmouth Magistrates Court last week, and was given a three year football banning order, fined £500 and ordered to pay £400 costs.

The chanting was directed at Portsmouth defender Sol Campbell during a game against Tottenham Hotspur at Fratton Park on September, 28, 2008.

A 14-year-old boy was also given a three year football banning order, a conditional discharge and ordered to pay costs of £400.

Five defendants admitted their guilt prior to last week's hearing and were given a police caution for indecent chanting. They were also given a season ban by Spurs.

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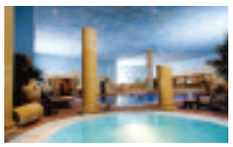

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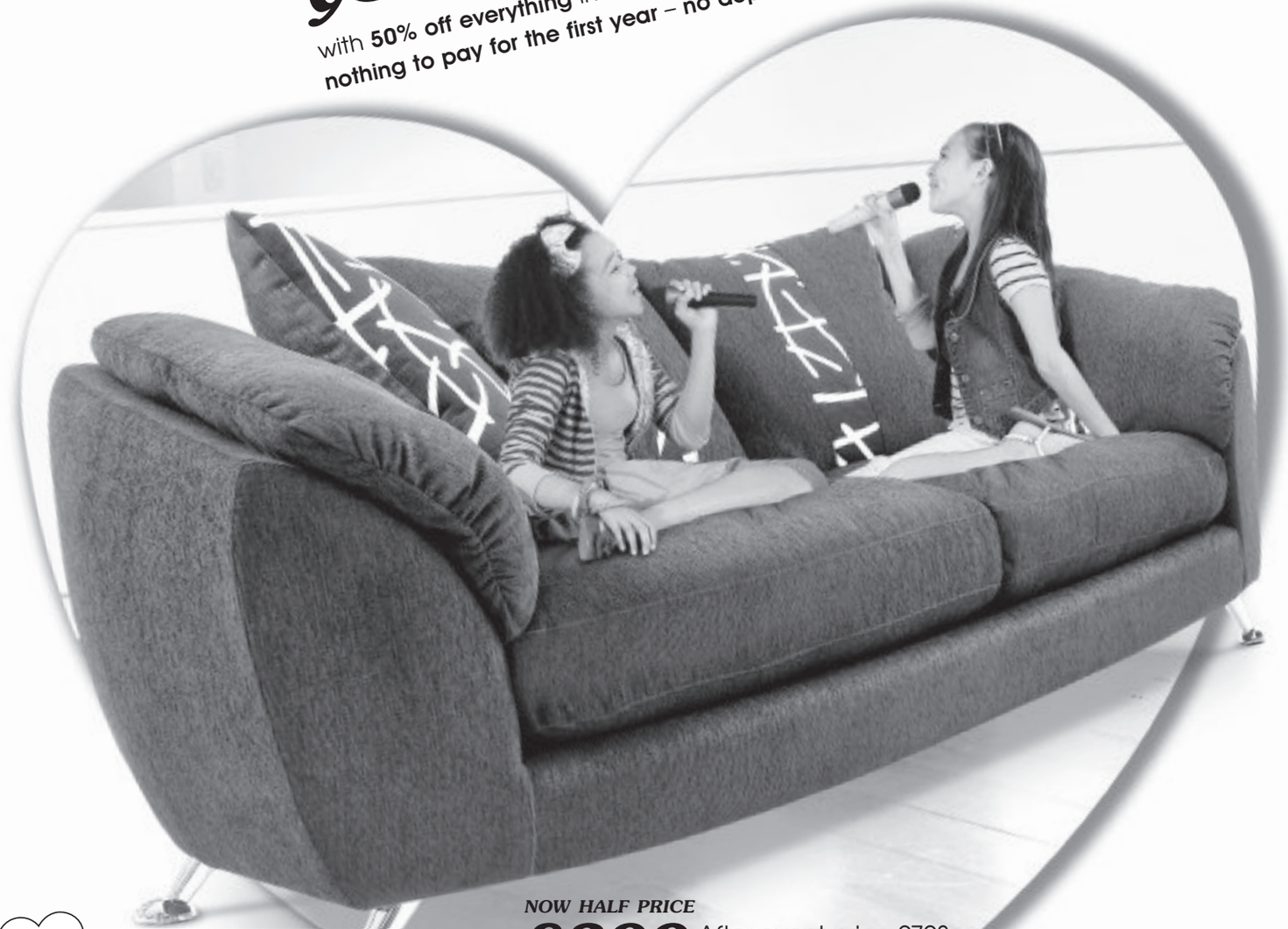

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YOUNG mothers have turned to acting to raise awareness about the reality of being a teenage parent.

Mums and Prams: Chantelle Prechous, Amanda Browning and Nichole Coppinger

The mums, who normally meet weekly at the Christian Foundation in Wolverton, teamed up with professional theatre company Entertainment MK to produce a show called Mums and Prams which was performed to groups of Year 10 students in five secondary schools last week.

The show came about after MK Council's teenage pregnancy co-ordinator met with the producers to look for new ways to target young people with sex education messages.

Mums and Prams features five young mothers, all under 20 years old, who worked closely to create the show with playwright Louise Roche and director Mark Randle.

The pair have recently set up Entertainment MK as a community arm of their highly successful company, Goodnights Entertainment.

Using their own words, the mums talk about losing their virginity, discovering they were pregnant, their experience of birth and the difficulties of raising a child. Humour is used to incorporate and expel common myths around unprotected sex that are all too common amongst young people.

Nichole Coppinger, 20, said: "We know how hard it is to be a young parent. We hope our performance will reach out to other teenagers and make them aware that being pregnant and becoming a parent at such a young age is not a walk in the park. We hope they'll take our advice and live their lives before settling down to start a family."

The girls made a successful bid to the MK Youth Bank to put on the show. Following its success the group has now been awarded funding from Milton Keynes Council to perform the show to more students over a two week period in June. A hectic schedule will see them put on three shows a day which should reach around 1,800 14 and 15-year-olds.

Louise Roche said: "I am so proud of what the girls have done. Not just for learning their lines and performing, but for showing such bravery and honesty throughout the project. They've climbed mountains personally; they're more confident and they say the process has also helped them make sense of their own experiences.

"What's special about this production is that it's actually coming from real people who have had the real experience. It's a lot more profound than actors going in or hearing it from teachers. For these girls, this is their real story, so they know what they're talking about."

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THE city's first Arts Open Weekend has been hailed a great success.

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The event supported by MK NEWS, involved more than 24 arts organisations and 28 artists together created a weekend of dance, drama, visual art, craft, music, public art and tours, which was kicked off by the Lost & Found project at Milton Keynes Gallery with James Lee Byers inspired musical performances and activities.

Despite the gloomy weather on Saturday and Sunday, audiences came out (with umbrellas in hand) to experience and explore the arts.

Arts development officer, Lucy Bedford said: "We wanted to give Milton Keynes' residents the chance to try out the brilliant arts that are on their doorsteps.

"We have a lot of art which is hidden but also a lot of new venues as well; we were pleased the public used this opportunity to discover for themselves the vibrant and diverse venues and art forms."

The arts sector hopes to run Arts Open Weekend in 2010 and would welcome anyone who would like to be part of it to e-mail arts@milton-keynes.gov.uk

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The next public meeting of the Milton Keynes Partnership Main Committee meeting (including annual open meeting) will take place on:

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Deep end for Daisy in family swimming pool

BY LAURA HANNAM
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A COUPLE looked out of the window of their country coach house to find a cow peering back at them from their swimming pool.

Mark Ryder, who lives with his wife Zoe and her parents in High Street, Whaddon, rushed outside to find the animal chest deep in water with four other members of the herd watching on bemused.

The family and two friends in the village spent over an hour working as cow boys, lassoing the cow's neck in an attempt to pull it out.

The story and pics went on the MK NEWS website last Wednesday and prompted huge interest.

Mark was taking a shower at 7.40am this morning when Zoe opened the curtains to see the strange visitors.

Mark said: "The winter cover was over the pool so the cow - which we nicknamed Daisy - must have walked onto it and fallen through. The cows broke in though a hedge from a field at the back of the house attracted by the luscious grass.

"We don't know how long it had been in there but when we found it it was shivering and we were aware it might be hypodermic.

Along with help from his family, Mark tried to steer the cow, believed to be female, towards the pool steps using a pole, but she wasn't moving.

"It started swimming down the pool to the deep end and went under the remaining cover. We were worried about it drowning so we ripped the cover off.

"We called some friends and put ropes around its neck, but it wouldn't budge. It got spooked and tried to jump clean out of the pool. It ended up half out and half in, where it stopped and fell asleep as it was so exhausted."

"Eventually it fell back in and just as the fire brigade arrived it leisurely walked up the steps and out."

Top: Come on in the water's lovely – a herd of cows look on as 'Daisy' takes a dip in the Ryders' pool Above left: Mark Ryder attempts a rescue Left: So does Graham Stewart Above: 'Lifeguard' Mark Ryder

Like a bull in a china shop the cows returned to their field leaving behind damage to the pool, cow pats across the manicured lawn, munched vegetables and a broken plant pot.

RSPCA inspector David Braybrook checked the cow had survived the ordeal.

He said: "She had knocked and grazed her knee a little and had a small case of the shivers, but other than that she was fine. We saw her safely returned to her field and owner. The RSPCA gets involved in all sorts of unusual calls for help, but this must be one of the oddest we've ever had to deal with."

The family, who run a travel agency called Scott Travel from their home, have lived there for around 25 years.

Mark added: "It was a bit random, you don't expect that when you open your curtains on a Wednesday morning."

"We have had the odd deer or a pheasant but this is a new one."

"I would like to apologise to any customers of mine who may have been trying to get through to my office, but I was busy acting as a lifeguard to a very stubborn cow."

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Search is on to find MK's best restaurant

THE hunt continues to find the city's Restaurant of the Year.

The Milton Keynes Restaurant of the Year Awards are back for their third year.

MK NEWS, Kimbells Solicitors and MK Web, have been joined by sponsor Pauley Digital in launching the 2009 awards.

The awards were introduced in 2007 to raise awareness of eating out in the Milton Keynes area and to identify the highfliers amongst our restaurants and eateries.

From a combination of votes cast by diners between April and June and input from an expert judging panel, the overall winner of Restaurant of the Year will be announced in September.

We visited a few of last year's winners to see how the competition had impacted on their business.

Last year's overall winner, Las Iguanas, also won the best newcomer award and have their trophies proudly on display behind their bar.

"Although we are well known for our cocktail bar and happy hour, we were delighted to be recognized for the quality of our food and service" said James Willis, general manager.

"The coverage we received both online and in print has really helped us to raise our profile and we have used the feedback received from the public to recognise staff for excellent service and to develop our menu."

Just along the way in the hub, Brasserie Blanc was another newcomer last year who won best business lunch.

Valerie Le Metayer, general manager said: "With all the choice available to restaurant-goers in Milton Keynes we were thrilled to be singled out for our businesses lunches.

"The award has made us feel a real part of the local business community and we are proud to be participating again this year."

Gemma Duffin and James Willis in Las Iguanas – winners in 2008

Valerie Le Metayer at Brasserie Blanc – winners in 2008

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> – James Willis, general manager of las Iguanas

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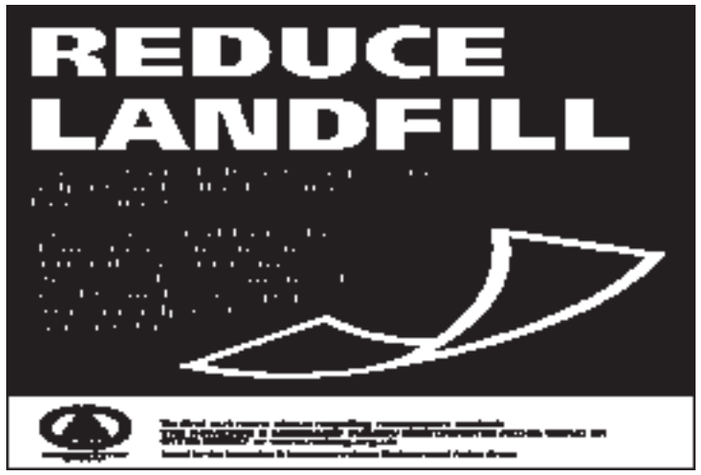

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Grandma drops in

AN 80-year-old grandmother has raised more than £4,000 for charity by jumping out of an aeroplane at 10,000 feet.

Barbara Harris, from Olney Road, Emberton joined 18 other volunteers to take part in a charity skydive on Saturday, May 9.

The group, which also included hospice nurses and support staff and Conservative parliamentary candidate for Milton Keynes South, Iain Stewart, raised a total of more than £15,000 for Willen Hospice.

The jump was organised in response to the hospice's announcement in February that they are struggling financially and would suffer a budget shortfall of more than half a million pounds.

A large unpredicted legacy and donations from the local community helped to lessen this deficit but the hospice still ended the financial year with more than £400,000 under what it needed to raise.

Above: Barbara Harris with her instructor.
Above left: She flies through the air with the greatest of ease

Planners look at future transport

MILTON Keynes Council has commissioned transport planning consultants to develop a new transport model which will establish travel patterns for people who live in and visit the city.

The model organised by consultants Halcrow, will take into account people who travel by car, bus and rail as well as those who walk and cycle.

It will be used to look at future travel demands and patterns, helping the Council plan and design the appropriate transport infrastructure to meet the needs of the growing city.

This summer road, bus and rail users will be surveyed and pedestrian and cycle activity monitored to supply data for the model.

A sample of households will be selected to detail their travel patterns to help understand travel demands.

The model will cost around £450,000 and work is expected to be completed in early 2010.

Cllr Douglas McCall, cabinet member with responsibility for transport, said: "An exciting element of the project will be taking transport planning to a new level in CMK. The model will be brought to life through visualisations of how transport will operate in our growing city centre."

John Lewis, chief executive of Milton Keynes Partnership, said "MKP has invested in this model as it will let us understand how the growth of the city will impact on travel and enable us to plan the right transport infrastructure to keep Milton Keynes flowing freely."

The previous transport model was instrumental in securing investment for the A5 junctions (£8m), M1 junction 14 (£18m), MK busways (£5.6m) and CMK public fransport improvements (£5m).

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Voters then send an email to photo.comp@mk-news.co.uk stating which number photograph is their favourite. Only one vote per email address will be accepted, multiple votes from the same address will be counted as one vote only.

The closing date for voting is 12 noon, Wednesday, May 27, 2009. All votes will be individually counted and a first prize given to the photo with the highest number of votes. Second prize will be given for those with the second highest number of votes. The editors decision is final.

In the event of a tie or evidence of further manipulation of the voting system the original judges will make the final decision.

■ The judges are Deborah Strazza Managing Director John Lewis Milton Keynes, Shirley O'Kane for Canon UK Ltd, Peter May Marketing Manager John Lewis Milton Keynes and Andy Handley picture editor MK NEWS.

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MKNEWSBRIEFS

Chopper helps burglar arrest

A 45-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested after an attempted break-in at Currys megastore.

Burglars tripped the alarm at Currys megastore on Elder Gate at 12.45am on Thursday.

Police saw two men running from the scene and the police helicopter was called in to search the area.

Officers arrested one man from Northamptonshire but they are still searching for the other.

A police spokesman said: "We are still trying to track a second man who was seen in the area at the time."

Nothing was taken from the store.

Redway death a heart attack

A MAN found dead in the snow on a city redway died of natural causes.

Sixty-one-year-old Keith James Murray, from Tranlands Brigg, Heelands, was discovered on the redway leading to the overbridge between Heelands shops and Bradwell at 6pm on Wednesday, February 4.

At first, police treated the death as unexplained but later ruled out suspicious circumstances.

An inquest on Thursday found that he died of heart disease.

Black day for car drivers

ELEVEN motorists have been fined for driving cars with blacked-out front windows.

Nearly 100 drivers were stopped during road safety checks in the city centre last Tuesday.

Between 8am and 1pm police issued 64 fixed penalty notices to drivers for offences ranging from not wearing seatbelts to unsafe cars.

Thirty-eight notices of £30 each were issued to people not wearing seatbelts but 25 of those escaped the fine by opting for 'roadside education' instead.

Four cars had defective tyres, 11 drivers were given notices for excessive tints to their front windows, five had problems with their registration plates and one had defective lights.

Road Safety Constable John Bulman said: "Tuesday's checks highlighted the lack of care taken by some drivers in basic car maintenance.

"We were very disappointed that the level of people not wearing seatbelts remains at an unacceptable level."

Five drivers were issued £60 fines and three penalty points for using their mobiles at the wheel.

Five people were reported for driving without insurance, 14 vehicles were banned from the roads because they were too dangerous to drive, and police seized six vehicles for no insurance and driving licence offences.

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Interactive PCs at museum

FLOPPY discs may seem as old as the Stone Age but a new exhibition is celebrating the true antiques of the computer age.

On Thursday the first personal computers were unveiled as part of an interactive gallery at The National Museum of Computing, Bletchley Park.

The dinosaurs of the digital revolution include the American PDP8, from 1965, the BBC B micro, the Amstrad PC1512 and of course, the Sinclair ZX80.

The PC Gallery exhibits 50 computers, showcasing the development of hardware and paying homage to the small entrepreneurial companies of the 70s and 80s.

However, boffins at the research centre have still not managed to find an elusive Sinclair MK14, the first home computing kit that went on sale in 1977 for £40.

■ **If you have a Sinclair MK14 please e-mail: editor@mk-news.co.uk**

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Learning about head care

CHILDREN have been learning about how to look after their heads.

The local branch of the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust (BIRT) was out in Milton Keynes primary schools last week teaching pupils what they can do to reduce the risk of getting a serious brain injury, such as wearing a bike helmet.

BIRT is also running its 3T Ten Thousand Teenagers Campaign to get 10,000 of them to sign up online to look after their head at www.birt.co.uk/3T by June 30.

Daisy cutter

A CHAIN of daisies was cut by the city's mayor to officially open a new children's centre in West Bletchley.

Mayor of Milton Keynes, Cllr Jan Lloyd, opened the Daisy Chain Sure Start children's centre on Saturday, May 2.

She was joined by local MP Dr Phyllis Starkey, families and centre staff.

The centre, which provides support for children under five and their families, is based on the same site as Abbeys Primary School on Melrose Avenue.

For more information call Emily Wright on 01908 641454.

Neuromuscular info day

ADULTS with a neuromuscular condition are invited to an information day.

The event, which is being held at the Hilton Hotel at Kent's Hill Park on Thursday, June 4, aims to provide people with an opportunity to meet each other and gain information about how they can best manage their health.

Speakers include the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign's director of research Dr Marita Pohlschmidt and a consultant anaesthetist. Workshop topics are physiotherapy, sex and relationships and managing your condition.

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No moats or manure as minister meets mothers

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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LABOUR'S deputy leader escaped the expenses furore in Westminster to meet mums in Milton Keynes.

While her fellow MPs were arguing about their swimming pools, manure and moats, Harriet Harman visited Beanhill, the most deprived of the city's 108 estates.

There the leader of the House of Commons and Minister for Women and Equality took a tour of the brand new Moorlands Children's Centre.

This Sure Start centre, one of 15 in Milton Keynes and 3,000 in Britain, is what politics is all about, she said.

"Hearing what parents say about children's centres convinces me they're right.

"Politics shouldn't be about MPs claiming money for chandeliers or cleaning their moats, it's about public services."

According to the council's 'social atlas' of statistics, the life expectancy in Woughton, the ward the centre serves, is 73 - eight years less than other part of the city.

But Ms Harman said a facility like this, which includes a nursery and community centre, can help lift an area.

"I think it makes a massive difference all round. It helps give a good start for children, and create a pattern of learning before they even go to primary school."

Little Isaac Cooper gets close up to Harriet Harman at the new Moorlands family centre in Beanhill

Mothers such as Fiona Taylor, 24, from Netherfield, were there to meet Ms Harman.

"My mum used to bring me to the old Moorlands Centre, now I bring my child here," she said.

Foster carer Stacey Munkley, 23, is even helping at this 'great place' to get experience for her childcare course.

Centre manager Paul Manning added: "We are delighted to show the minister the new centre, having moved from the old premises we were in for 30 years. It gives the area a real focal point."

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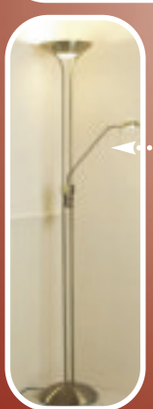

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City right on track for first cycle tour

MILTON Keynes will be the backdrop for cyclists when Britain's first ever Tour Series comes to the city.

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Stacey Bushes-based Team Corley Cycles will take part and they will be up against the likes of Sports Beans-Willer, Sigma Sport and Rapha-Condor.

Endura Racing, Halfords Bikehut, Plowman Craven-Madison and BMC UK Racing Team, Candi tv-Pinarello and Cyclingbargains.com complete the line up.

Riders Tony Gibb, Roy Chamberlain and Clive Richardson all attended the launch day at thehub:mk.

The hour-long race, will take place through Central Milton Keynes and is expected to draw thousands of spectators.

It the second time in as many years that Milton Keynes has been chosen to host a professional cycling race, last year the Tour of Britain passed through the streets.

During the day, there will be a range of other cycling activities organised specifically for the city residents, visitors and businesses. Children and adults of all abilities will have a chance to team race on the professional cycling track, as well as enjoy a variety of cycling demonstrations and skills sessions running throughout the afternoon.

Pictured are Tony Gibb, Roy Chamberlain, Clive Richardson, Jan Lloyd and Phil Corley at the announcement of the race

A map of the route can be downloaded at http://www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/transport/documents/Tour%5FSeries%5FRoute%2Epdf

The afternoon cycling activities, organised by Milton Keynes Council and supported by local businesses across the borough, aim to raise awareness of the well-being benefits of cycling, in addition to highlighting the outstanding facilities available to the city cyclists, from relaxing cycle trails to mountain biking and bmx dirt tracks.

Gin Corrado, events coordinator at Milton Keynes Council, said: "We are thrilled to be hosting the first ever race of the Tour Series. We are looking forward to be embarking on this new adventure and would like to invite all cycling lovers to join us on the day and enjoy the extraordinary experience of top-class racing."

The event is being broadcast live on ITV4.

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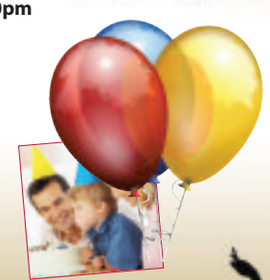

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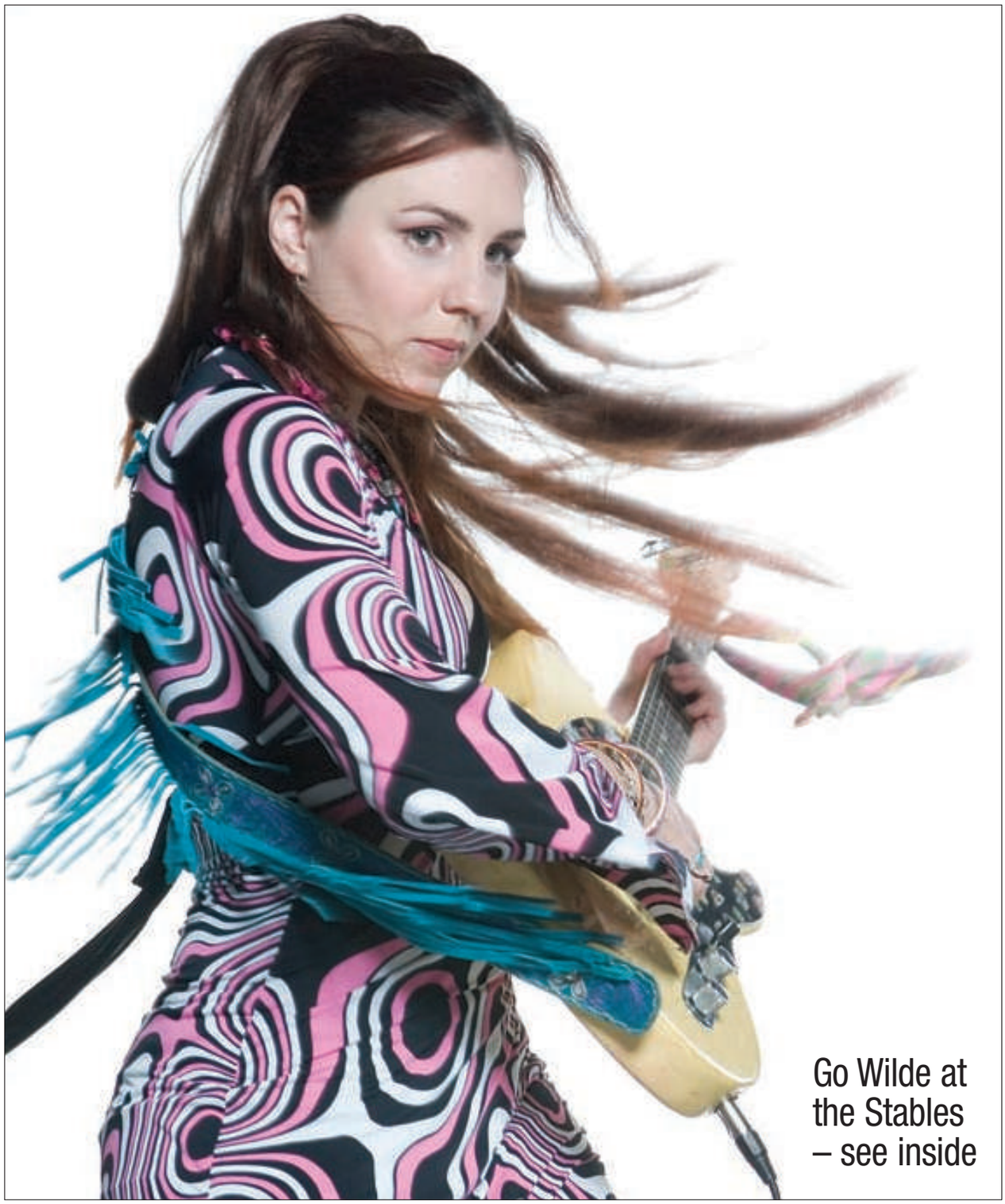

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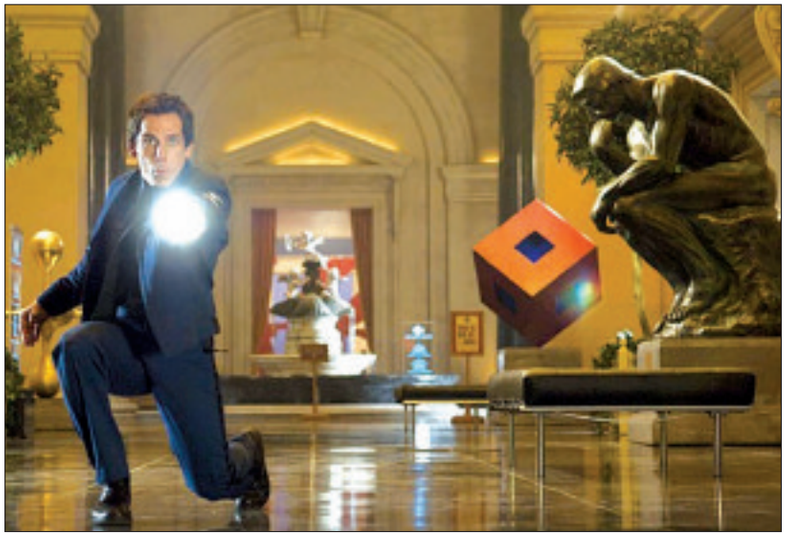

Ben Stiller stars in Night at The Museum 2 – at a cinema near you from Friday

Now showing

AS a conclave meets to elect a new Pope, symbologist Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) is summoned to Rome. Kidnapped cardinals are murdered hourly, building up to the detonation of an anti-matter bomb which will destroy Vatican City. Langdon has to follow a secret path through Rome to save the Catholic church.

FIGHTING

Channing Tatum, Terrence Howard, Luis Guzm-n, Brian White, Flaco Navaja

Now showing

SMALL-TOWN boy Shawn MacArthur (Channing Tatum) has come to New York City with nothing. Barely earning a living selling counterfeit goods on the streets, his luck changes when scam artist Harvey Boarden (Terrence Howard) sees that he has a natural talent for streetfighting and the two form an uneasy partnership.

SYNECDOCHE, NEW YORK

Michelle Williams, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Tilda Swinton

Now showing

AFTER winning a MacArthur Genius Grant, theatre director Caden Cotard (Hoffman) relocates to a giant New York warehouse where he buries himself in a theatrical epic about his own life – for the rest of his life.

STAR TREK

Anton Yelchin, Zoe Saldana, Eric Bana, Bruce Greenwood, Winona Ryder, Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto, Leonard Nimoy

Now showing

KIRK (Pine) runs wild after his dad dies on the Starship Kelvin. Vulcan Spock (Quinto) is an outsider because of his human mother. Both end up at Starfleet Academy, where they clash can a futuristic threat unite them?

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THREE different clubs in one with the Rhythm Room, Ice House Reykjavik and New York Disco, while there are also two bars, Russia Bar and Parisian Boudoir. There are also VIP suites, booths and a lounge available for hire. Over 18s Sunday-Thursday, over 19s on Fridays and over 20s on Saturday. Dress code is smart casual.

OPUS
Theatre District 239433
POPULAR nightclub on two levels. All the latest RnB, hip hop tunes are played on the bottom level, while funky house and electro spins at the top. Entry£3 before 11pm. Dress code is casual cool.

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TASTE LIFE

PAPAYA
20 Redgrave Drive, Oxley Park
01908 749136
Review by Rob Gibson

IT might not show up on your car's sat nav but here is one reason to make sure Oxley Park is on your radar.

Papaya is a new Thai restaurant situated at the entrance to Oxley Park and run by the same people who made Kardomom Lounge a hit in Stony Stratford.

As in Stony, the owners have already endeared themselves to the locals and the manager speaks with pride about the community feel of the location.

The first thing you recognise about good Thai restaurants is a distinctive cleanliness and Papaya is no exception.

Each of our dishes was immaculate in presentation, as were the waitresses and the service.

We shared a mixed starter (£10.95) of spring rolls, chicken satays, prawn toast, crispy wontons and Thai fish cakes.

Each was larger than the tasters on offer at most establishments, and they were delicious.

The spice level of each curry starts with amber, then emerald for green curries and ruby for the hottest red curries.

A favourite when I was travelling through Thailand was massaman curry and Papaya comes pretty close to the real thing.

Described as a typical Muslim curry, this dish from the south of Thailand is filled with potatoes, onions and roasted peanuts.

I chose the chicken (£7.50) over beef or prawns, and my partner chose one of the amber curries, Thai yellow curry (£7.95) with beef, which was full of flavour.

The khao phad khai (egg fried rice, £2.95) was light and I would recommend the phad Thai noodles with prawns (£5.95) as a generous side dish to share.

We visited Papaya early on Friday evening and it was already starting to get busy with couples and larger groups of friends, so booking ahead is advisable.

SIMON DARNELL

FOR AN ANGEL
Paul Van Dyk

MANY years ago, Paul Van Dyk came up with a tune called For An Angel, which rightly became something of a trance classic. He also created a few other songs besides.

Now somebody's decided it's time he brought out a greatest hits collection, filled to the brim both with tracks that he was responsible for making and others that other people made and then gave to him to play around with.

Now then, the standard procedure when bringing out a 'best of' is to go with one of two options – release a brand new single to show the kids you've still got the old magic or have one of your most famous songs reworked and remodelled to show the kids your music will never die even though some of them insist on listening to Basshunter instead.

Surprisingly, for somebody so heavily connected with dance music, Paul Van Dyk has gone for the second option. It's a funny old world, isn't it?

Not only that, he's done the job himself, which is possibly where he's gone wrong.

No doubt he thought he could update it and bring it kicking and screaming into the 21st Century, but if you're going to remix a trance classic then surely you'd expect the refitted version to take a lot less than two minutes to properly get going, especially when the whole thing only runs for five and a half.

When it finally does decide to kick off it's very good, but it's missing the whatever-it-was that made the original an eight minute work of art.

The new version sounds as though it's been tailored to fit in with all the other tunes that end up being dumped onto a Clubland compilation, and that's a shame because the Mark I model still stands head and shoulders above all that.

This really could and should have been so much better, but sadly all this particular remix does is remind me just how good the original was.

FIRE
Kasabian

THIS song that has absolutely no idea what it wants to be, but is determined to try everything it can think of and have a hell of a lot of fun as it does.

Fair enough, they're re-using the gimmick they used with Empire (the verses and the chorus sound like they come from two totally different songs), but it works here too so I've got no problem with that.

This time round, the verses are easy-going, gentle and sound like the result of a one night stand between country music and glam rock, as you'd expect, obviously.

On the other hand, the chorus sounds a bit more like the Kasabian we know, which means things get considerably noisier and faster. Great stuff.

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FORD FIESTA RANGE - A MATTER OF CORSA

Just twelve months ago, we would never have guessed that we'd be awarding our Supermini of the Year award to a Ford Fiesta but that's exactly what's happened and the decision wasn't even that close. I must admit, if I was in the market for a supermini, one of the old Ford Fiestas would never have made my shortlist. It's a cutthroat market and while the Fiesta covered all the bases adequately, there was just too much excellence among the opposition to make it stand out. Something needed to be done but rather than play a conservative hand, Ford, for the very first time, set out to endow the Fiesta with some genuine flair.

No longer just a shopping trolley, the Fiesta now has real impact. If you go by the maxim that if something looks right, it is right, then you'll probably like the latest Fiesta. It's offered in both three and five-door body styles and both are tidy pieces of styling. Penned by a British-led team headed up by Martin Smith, it adheres to the 'kinetic design' philosophy of modern Fords, with details such as sleek, wraparound headlamps, bold, pronounced wheelarch lips and a strong bodyside beltline to create a dynamic look, even when the car's stationary.

Prices range between £8,695 and £12,095. Trim levels start with Studio, rising through Style and Style+ to the low running cost-ECOnetic model. Zetec, as before, is expecting to be popular, likely to account for around 35% of sales, while sporty drivers get the 3-door-only Zetec-S, offered either with 1.6-litre TDCi diesel power or the 1.6-litre Duratec Ti-VCT petrol unit. At the top of the range, Titanium variants are specced up like Christmas trees but retail at the kind of money which would buy you a significantly larger car. Less, as so often, is more. Anyway, even entry-level Fiestas come with ABS, front, side and knee airbags, a CD player, central locking and electric mirrors. There are nice touches too: we particularly liked the EasyFuel cap-less refuelling.

The Ford Fiesta has garnered a reputation for being one of the cheapest superminis to run and this continues. Ford reckons that the improvements in efficiency made across the range will save owners of 1.4 TDCi models, as just one example, around a thankful of fuel a year (45 litres over 9,300 miles). Insurance premiums and repair costs have been kept low by an intelligent approach to manufacturing.

Bake-hardened steel on the front wings, for example, offers better resistance to low speed bumps and scrapes, though the plastic approach favoured by other makers seems a better solution.

If you're looking for a big car feel in the supermini class, but don't really want a big car, you can't do any better than the Fiesta. At a time when downsizing is an increasingly popular option, it's why the Ford takes this title with some ease.

Facts at a glance

CAR: Ford Fiesta range

PRICES: £8,695-£12,095 – on the road

INSURANCE GROUPS: 1-6

CO2 EMISSIONS: 99-154g/km

PERFORMANCE: (1.6 Ti-VCT petrol) 0-60mph 9.9s / Max Speed 120mph

FUEL CONSUMPTION: (1.6 TDCI ECOnetic) (urban) 61.4mpg / (extra urban) 88.3mpg / (combined) 76.3mpg

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JAGUAR XF - JAGUAR'S X-FACTOR

It was time for Jaguar to be bold. Those aren't in fact our words: they're Jaguar's own. If the Coventry marque is to wrest sales from the German makes in the BMW, Audi and Mercedes-dominated Executive sector, it knows it has to do something different. Something, in fact, like the new XF.

This car really does represent a new era for Jaguar, a shift away from the old-style values embodied by cars like the X-TYPE and the S-TYPE and a move into the future. Or at least some of it is. The engines

(3.0 and 4.2-litre petrol units, plus the familiar 2.7-litre V6 diesel) are carried over almost unchanged from the S-TYPE. Still, there has to be room for development and in any case, Jaguar had only so much access to Ford's coffers when creating this car. Prices also had to be kept reasonable too (which means a starting price of around £34,000).

This doesn't appear to be the most spacious car in its sector but the coupe-like lines of the XF do belie the amount of space inside. There's room for five adults in comfort, generous interior stowage and a boot capacity of up to 540 litres (plus the opportunity to fold the rear seats and add a further 420 litres). At 4961mm long and 1877mm wide, on a lengthy 2909mm wheelbase, the XF is 45mm longer and 25mm wider than its nearest 'dimensional' competitor, the Audi A6 – with even greater advantages over the BMW 5-Series, Lexus GS300 and Mercedes-Benz E-Class.

So, get in and settle yourself behind the wheel. What's it like? Well, on entry to the XF, the start button pulses red, like a heartbeat (ignition keys – what are they?). Start the engine and the JaguarDrive Selector gearchange lever rises into the palm of the hand, while rotating air conditioning vents turn from their flush, 'parked' position to their functional open position.

Four engines, are available, all featuring Jaguar's Sequential Shift six-speed automatic transmission with steering wheel-mounted 'paddles' for manual gear selection. You can understand the company not bothering to try and take on BMW and offer a conventional manual gearbox option (manual S-TYPEs had a history of staying rooted to the showroom floors) but it's disappointing that Jaguar lags so far behind its Germans rivals when it comes to the provision of a powerful diesel engine. Only the 207bhp 2.7-litre V6 is available (priced the same as the 240bhp petrol V6). Still, the performance figures (rest to sixty in 7.7s on the way to 143mph) should be competitive enough for most. The top 4.2-litre V8 petrol units offer either a 300bhp normally aspirated engine good for sixty in 6.2s or a supercharged version of the same powerplant which covers the same increment in 5.1s but, just as importantly, provides a wonderful soundtrack wail to accompany the experience.

Prices start from £33,900, a sum which secures either the 2.7-litre V6 diesel or the 3.0-litre V6 petrol model. The 4.2-litre V8 models are priced from £44,500. The XF offers three trim levels: Luxury, Premium Luxury and SV8.

The XF is a car that is overdue for Jaguar, whose sales had previously slowed to a trickle in the Executive sector the marque once dominated on these shores. It's desirable, practical and makes sense on the balance sheet. With a wider range of diesel engines, it would be almost unbeatable. As it is, it's safe to say that for the majority of people who will love the styling, the car is an unqualified success.

Facts at a glance

CAR: Jaguar XF range

PRICES: £33,900-£54,900 – on the road

INSURANCE GROUPS: 16-19

CO2 EMISSIONS: 199-249g/km

PERFORMANCE: (2.7 V6 diesel) 0-60mph 7.7s / Max Speed 143 mph

FUEL CONSUMPTION: (2.7 V6 diesel) (urban) 27.1mpg /(extra urban) 48.5mpg / (combined) 37.6mpg

STANDARD SAFETY FEATURES: twin front/side/window airbags, ABS

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Coupe of the year 2009

VOLKSWAGEN SCIROCCO - 'ROC THE HOUSE'

Volkswagen could well be onto a winner with the latest Scirocco. It's good looking, benefits from access to some great engines and is solidly built.

A whole generation of thirty and forty-something nostalgists will also love to own the car they were too young for first time round.

Key to the advances made by the Scirocco are new dynamic aids. All models feature advanced adaptive chassis control offering three driver-selected settings – comfort, normal and sport. The system's influence extends to the steering system: should 'sport' be selected, the steering firms up to provide more feel while 'comfort' mode makes the steering lighter and easier to operate at low speeds or around town.

The Scirocco's sharp dynamics are linked to a range of powerful yet efficient petrol and diesel engines. Most opt for the 2.0-litre TSI four-cylinder engine developing 200 PS and driving through the front wheels via a choice of six-speed manual or six-speed DSG gearboxes. There's a choice of two trim levels - standard and 'GT'. You can also talk to your dealer about a 1.4-litre TSI 160PS petrol version or a 2.0-litre TDI common rail diesel model with 140PS and a combined economy of around 52 mpg.

Inside the car, there's a lot to grab the interest. A contoured, flat-bottomed sports steering wheel frames dials that glow white at night. The interior is airy and light, and the option of an electrically-operated panoramic sunroof further emphasises the feeling of spaciousness. There's a reasonably wide boot aperture which opens up 292 litres of luggage space. Fold the split rear seats down and you've got 755 litres. The Scirocco features four, individual sculpted seats finished in a choice of either cloth or leather.

The sports seats aren't just restricted to those up front – the contoured rear seats feature integrated headrests to offer plenty of support. Proportions for the new Scirocco are classically short, low and wide although it has needed to run on existing Golf mechanicals. The vehicle measures 4,256 mm long, 1,404 mm high and 1,810 mm wide.

A comprehensive range of safety features is fitted to the Scirocco as standard. These include six airbags, Electronic Stabilisation Programme (ESP) and ABS with Hydraulic Brake Assist.

With prices starting at around £20,000 the Scirocco taps into a market that's been rather neglected in recent years but which is now showing signs of a resurgence. The Audi TT has gradually migrated further upscale, leaving cars like the Alfa GT, the Mercedes CLC and the Volvo C30 to duke it out. The Scirocco will have the instant advantage of having the best engine in the sector at this price point in the 2.0T-FSI unit.

It's good looking, it gets some of the best engines available to Volkswagen, it's priced fairly aggressively and it's engineered like few other coupes in its class. If success could be guaranteed by ruthlessly ticking these boxes, Volkswagen must think it has a winner on its hands already.

Facts at a glance

CAR: Volkswagen Scirocco range

PRICES: £18,790-£20,940 - on the road

INSURANCE GROUPS: 16 (GT 2.0 TSI 200PS)

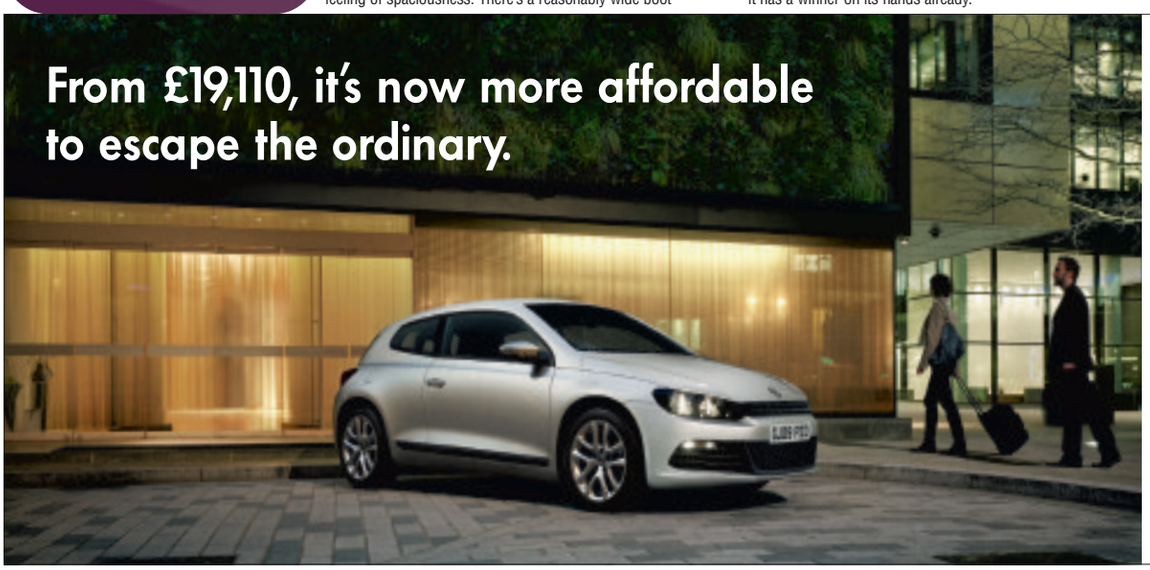
CO2 EMISSIONS: 145-179g/km

PERFORMANCE: (GT 2.0 TSI 200PS) 0-60mph 7.2s / Max Speed 146mph

FUEL CONSUMPTION: (GT 2.0 TSI 200PS) (combined) 37.2mpg

STANDARD SAFETY FEATURES: Six airbags, ESP stability control, ABS with brake assist

WILL IT FIT IN YOUR GARAGE?: length/width/heightmm 4256/1810/1404



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Official fuel consumption in mpg (litres/100km) for the Scirocco 1.4 TSI: urban 32.5 (8.7); extra urban 52.3 (5.4); combined 42.8 (6.6). CO_2 emissions 154g/km.

Large MPV of the year 2009

FORD S-MAX RANGE - SMAX DOWN

In a market full of very dull full-sized MPV people carriers, Ford's S-MAX is a breath of fresh air. It drives as beautifully as it looks, yet it's as practical as any normal family would need it to be. We voted it not only our Full-Size MPV of the Year but also our overall Car of the Year at its introduction, an award copied by the European Car of the Year jury a few months later. We've no hesitation in repeating the accolade either, at least in the Full-Size MPV category.

So what's so great about the S-MAX? Well, for a start it's got the right sort of shape. There's room inside for seven people but it's a radically sportier vehicle than the latest Galaxy model with which it shares the same underpinnings. Ford point to the fact that the S-MAX in fact shares just a handful of exterior parts with the more conventional Galaxy, the headlamps and bonnet having the same part numbers. The comparative height of the vehicles (1676mm for the Galaxy and 1607mm for the S-MAX) shows that the sleek, hunkered down appearance of the sportier S-MAX is not merely down to clever penmanship. This is the sleekest people mover this side of a Mercedes R-Class.

Recent improvements include the addition of a 175bhp 2.2-litre TDCi model, a flexifuel version (FFV) capable of running on any mix of bioethanol and petrol in the same fuel tank, plus extra equipment including Bluetooth compatibility.

Let's get to the heart of any MPV style vehicle – the seats. Ford's designers appear to have become fed up with Vauxhall taking all the plaudits for clever seating solutions and have come up with a system of their own. FFS (Ford FoldFlatSystem before you attribute a baser meaning to that acronym) allows 32 different seating permutations. The second and third rows of seats all fold flat to form a genuinely huge load floor that measures 2.0 by 1.15 metres which is about as big as a double bed.

In addition to the Ford FoldFlatSystem, a number of lashing points are located across the floor and on the cabin sides, helping to prevent your belongings from destroying themselves if you do fail to resist the Ford's sporty character. If you do wish to run the S-MAX in removal van mode, it'll heave around up to 2,000 litres of goods with all the rear seat folded flat. There are also no fewer than 26 different cubbies located around the cabin so you'll need to know where you left that key/credit card/wedding ring or it could be a lengthy search. In total, there's a full 90 litres of oddment stowage in total.

Prices start from under £19,000 for a 2.0-litre Edge with a pair of diesel engines just above that, the 1.8 TDCi 125bhp Edge and the 2.0-litre TDCi 140bhp Edge. You can also get Ford's 6-speed Durashift automatic allied to 2.0 TDCi 130bhp power. The 2.5-litre engine is quite a tool, in effect being an almost direct transplant of the unit found in the Focus ST. This is good for 220bhp and looks good value in either Zetec trim or range-topping Titanium guise.

Most MPVs are enough to put you to sleep. In the S-MAX, Ford have developed one with a bit of personality. Let's hope they're rewarded for doing so.

Facts at a glance

CAR: Ford S-MAX range

PRICES: £18,595-£28,745 - on the road

INSURANCE GROUPS: 10-14

CO2 EMISSIONS: 164-224g/km

PERFORMANCE: (2.5 Zetec) Max Speed 143mph / 0-60mph 7.4s

FUEL CONSUMPTION: (2.0TDCi) (combined) 44mpg

STANDARD SAFETY FEATURES: Twin front, side and curtain airbags, ABS, EBA

WILL IT FIT IN YOUR GARAGE?: Length/Width/Heightmm 4768/1854/1607

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Mini MPV of the year 2009

CITROËN C4 PICASSO 5 SEAT RANGE - PIC OF THE PACK?

These days, it's not good enough just to launch one mini-MPV: you have to launch two. Hence cars like Renault's Scenic and Grand Scenic and the model we're looking at here, the Citroen C4 Picasso, the five-seater stablemate to the French maker's Grand C4 Picasso.

Citroën certainly offers plenty of MPV choice to an apparently hungry market. There's the vanbased Berlingo Multispace for budget buyers, or the old Xsara Picasso for those of them who can't cope with being mistaken for a delivery driver. Above the C4 Picasso models, there's also the larger C6. But do you really need something that big? The answer for most mini-MPV buyers is probably not – and for them, this 5-seat C4 Picasso, priced from £13,995, may prove to be a perfect package.

With a choice of a 127bhp 1.8-litre or 143bhp 2.0-litre petrol engines or 110bhp 1.6 or 138bhp 2.0-litre diesel units, C4 Picasso drivers won't be wanting for decent powerplants. The driving experience is, as was its predecessor, geared towards comfort and safety rather than outright handling prowess.

Although the C4 Picasso's athletic stance is the first thing to catch your eye, the second is the wide-angle panoramic windscreen that rises up and over the front seat occupants, doubling vertical visibility in the front to seventy degrees compared to 35 degrees in a standard MPV.

Vauxhall may have already offered a similar thing as an option on the latest Astra but this is the first time it's been fitted as standard to an MPV and the effect is just stunning, the sheer acreage of glass in front of the driver being at first a little unnerving. It's almost like the cockpit of a jet fighter. By slimming down the windscreen pillars, the effect of airiness and front visibility is increased still further. It's not just a styling affect either, the added field of view making it easier to spot motorbikes, cycles and pedestrians coming while preventing the usual craned neck when negotiating small roundabouts.

I'm not sure if someone at Citroën has been getting a backhander from a glass manufacturer because the C4 Picasso also features the biggest sunroof in its class, the extensive side windows too help edge it towards having the largest glazed area of any mini MPV. All of this glass means that the vehicle needs a seriously punchy air-conditioning system to prevent it become a mobile propagator. The C4 Picasso utilises its available space very well. That wheel at each corner stance doesn't just look good, it also maximises space for the all important passenger cell. The boot has a 500-litre capacity which is about par for the course for a five-seater vehicle. Fold the rear seats down and there's a massive 1.734 litres of available space.

Although it departs from the Xsara Picasso's spectacularly successful cheap and cheerful philosophy, the added utility of this model isn't hard to appreciate. It drives well, looks great and is resolutely practical. All in, a very well rounded package.

Facts at a glance

CAR: Citroen C4 Picasso range

PRICES: £13,995-£22,795 - on the road (inc. Grand Picasso)

INSURANCE GROUPS: 6-9

CO2 EMISSIONS: 150-190g/km

PERFORMANCE: (2.0HDi 138) 12.5s 0-60mph / 121mph top speed

FUEL CONSUMPTION: (2.0HDi 138) 35.8 (urban), 55.4 (extra urban) 46.3mpg (combined)

STANDARD SAFETY FEATURES: ABS with EBD, ESP, 7 airbags, 3-point seat belts.

WILL IT FIT IN YOUR GARAGE?: length/Width/Height 4470/1830/1680mm

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VAUXHALL

Hot Hatch of the year 2009

VAUXHALL CORSA VXR - CROSS HATCH

The hot hatch arms race has escalated once more and Vauxhall's Corsa VXR has the arsenal to win it. 189bhp and 0-60 in 6.8s was the stuff of lottery winners' performance saloons until recently. Now you can get it all in a souped-up supermini along with a well-judged handling package and some superb detailing. The Corsa VXR is an engaging drive with real quality and depth to back it up.

This Vauxhall takes the turbocharged route to achieving its formidable performance, the 1.6-litre engine fitted with a BorgWarner turbo unit to help it achieve a 189bhp maximum power output. Like the best modern turbocharged engines, power and torque are served up in a progressive fashion from low in the rev range with no discernable lag. The 230Nm maximum torque output is available from 1,980rpm to 5,850rpm but a clever overboost facility actually gives the driver 266Nm for a period of five seconds when full throttle is deployed. It all helps the VXR generate searing pace with rapid responses to throttle inputs. The engine doesn't reward excursions into the upper rev range vocally in the way that the normally-aspirated powerplants of some rivals do but it's got serious shove down low where you want it and there's the added bonus of strong refinement on the open road.

The standard Corsa serves up class-leading ride quality but the VXR takes a firmer line with springs that are 12mm lower at the front and 19mm lower at the rear as well as specially-tuned gas-pressure shock absorbers. Information about the road surface is transmitted to the driver more effectively with the VXR staying flat and planted in corners but the ride remains highly compliant, making the VXR a perfect companion for blasts down Britain's poorly-surfaced B-roads.

VXR products don't tend to be shrinking violets and true to form, there's very little that's low key about the Corsa VXR. The bodywork is riddled with scoops and vents with much of the styling addenda taking triangular form. There's triangular mesh in the grille with its body-coloured V-bar and under bumper, while each of the fog lights is housed at the end of its own vaguely triangular chrome funnel. The fetching wing mirrors (that Vauxhall will be selling as an accessory so all Corsa buyers can get in on the VXR act) have a triangle hole beneath and at the back of the car. Plus there's a triangular exhaust finisher as a final retort to those left in the VXR's wake.

The Corsa is priced competitively against key rivals like the Clio Renaultsport 197 and the MINI Cooper S. You'll pay around £16,000 for the privilege which looks expensive for a bespoilered supermini but a bit of a bargain for a 189bhp, 140mph performance hatch – a lot depends on your point of view.

Standard equipment includes ESP stability control, air-conditioning, remote central locking, electric front windows and door mirrors, a CD stereo and 17" alloy wheels. Vauxhall is offering massive 18" alloy wheels as an option, the biggest ever offered on a supermini, and they really add something to the exterior with little detrimental effect to the ride quality.

In Vauxhall's hands, the hot hatchback has become more of a performance all-rounder that's adept in a range of driving conditions but just like the old masters, it's still at its best when shown a winding lane and given its head.

Facts at a glance

CAR: Vauxhall Corsa VXR

PRICE: £16,200 – on the road

INSURANCE GROUP: 16

CO2 EMISSIONS: 190g/km

PERFORMANCE: 0-60mph 6.8s / Max Speed 140mph

FUEL CONSUMPTION: 26.9mpg (urban) / 44.1mpg (extra urban) / 35.8mpg (combined)

STANDARD SAFETY FEATURES: front and side airbags, ABS, ESP

WILL IT FIT IN YOUR GARAGE?: length/width/heightmm 4040/1713/2511

Small Van of the year 2009

Wayside

VOLKSWAGEN CADDY MAXI VAN - SPACE VAN

By adding a cubic metre of extra load space and 80kg or extra payload, the Caddy Maxi model opens up the Volkswagen Caddy van range to operators who may have though it too small. Otherwise it's the same as a standard Caddy, strong, comfortable - a very agreeable small van.

If you like the look of Volkswagen's compact Caddy van but feel that you might need a bit more room, a solution is at hand. The Caddy Maxi is a Caddy with nearly a cubic metre more space to offer. It's perfect for delaying the inevitable day when the stuff you need to shift won't fit. It's the situation every van driver dreads. There's an important job on that involves a large assortment of items being transported to a certain location. You begin loading your van and it rapidly becomes apparent that all this stuff isn't going to fit. Suddenly, you're looking at time consuming and costly alternatives. Two trips, hiring a larger vehicle, attaching a trailer, discarding unnecessary items (the sort that tend to prove absolutely crucial at some later point): none of the available solutions are particularly appealing. You find yourself wishing you'd opted for a van that was a little bit bigger. Today Volkswagen Caddy buyers can and that van is called the Caddy Maxi.

There's a diesel only-engine range for Caddy Maxi customers to consider and the overwhelming majority of UK van operators wouldn't have it any other way. The 103bhp 1.9-litre TDI engine opens proceedings and is adequately forceful for moving a Caddy Maxi and its cargo thanks to torque of 250Nm that's generated at 1,900rpm. The alternative, however, has quite the powerhouse - by van standards at least. Packing 138bhp and 320Nm all the way from 1,750rpm to 2,500rpm, the 2.0-litre TDI can really move. Its strength low down in the rev range is perfect for getting weighty loads off the line or up steep inclines. The cut and thrust of motorway travel is also greatly simplified when you've got this much of the good stuff under your right foot. Both of the Caddy Maxi's diesel engines use direct injection technology rather than the common-rail injection set-up that tends to be smoother and more refined. There's the usual diesel rumble at start-up but once operating temperatures are achieved, the Caddy goes about its business in a reasonably hushed manner.

The driving position is nice and high affording good viability and easy access. The dash-mounted gear shifter has a nice, positive feel and the braking performance inspires confidence. The Caddy isn't as enjoyable to hustle along as some of the other offerings in this sector but its suspension irons out the bumps well for an overall driving experience with high levels of comfort.

It's the extra space that will need to sell the Caddy Maxi because otherwise, it's the same as the standard Caddy van. Neat but unspectacular styling in the best Volkswagen traditions dominates the outside while the interior is similarly efficient with build quality that's as good as anything in the small van sector. The Caddy Maxi is 470mm longer than a normal Caddy van with 151mm of that accounted for by a longer rear overhang and 319mm squeezed into the wheelbase. It all makes for a vehicle of 4,875mm in length with a 4.2m3 load volume that's up 1m3 on the standard van. The maximum payload is increased too. You can take around 720kg in a Caddy and 800kg in a Caddy Maxi.

Facts at a glance

MANUFACTURER: Volkswagen

MODEL: Caddy Maxi

BHP: 103bhp - 138bhp

PAYLOAD CAPACITY: 800kg

LOAD VOLUME: 4.2m3

GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT: 2315-2350kg

LENGTH: 4,875mm

WIDTH: 1,794mm

HEIGHT: 1,841mm

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TRAVELLIFE

The Crab at Chieveley – a world away from work

AFTER a hard week's slog in the office as we turned off the A34 onto twisting country roads, I felt myself begin to unwind.

The short drive from the main road to The Crab at Chieveley, just north of Newbury, takes you through beautiful Berkshire countryside.

On arrival at the thatched hotel surrounded by this enchanting scenery we were shown to our room where we found a bottle of champagne, chocolates and a gorgeous bouquet of flowers waiting for us.

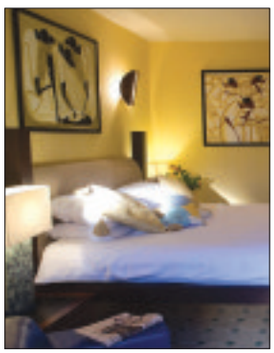
Each of the 14 boutique rooms is decorated after famous hotel rooms from around the world using authentic fabrics and furnishings.

Ours was designed to make us feel like we had been whisked away to Bird Island, an isolated island in the middle of the Indian Ocean between Mauritius and Arabia, which is thought to be the authentic Garden of Eden.

The room was full of bamboo furniture, tropical plants and a quirky tall queen-size bed and had its own private garden with a hot tub.

Although not particulary big the rooms are eccentric, fun and comfortable with Egyptian cotton sheets and bathrobes, handmade mattresses, wireless Internet connection and wide-screen televisions.

After a quick dip in the hot tub and feeling very relaxed and happy we were yet to experience the real highlight of the trip - the food.



Although far from the shore The Crab is an award winning seafood restaurant. Fresh fish is bought directly from markets in Devon six days a week and served in a seaside themed but classy room with fishing nets strung across the ceiling.

As we sat we were brought bread and sumptuous appetisers including oysters, salmon mousse, scallops and king prawn tagliatelle.

The friendly staff were clearly proud of the food they serve and were happy to help us choose from the wide selection on the a la carte menu.

To start I tried the mussels with a rich Thai coconut sauce, which was so exquisite it could have been served alone as soup. My guest had tiger prawn ravioli which he polished off before I had a chance to look up.

For the main course we ordered from the day's specials and shared 'The Ultimate Surf and Turf'; stunningly tender pink duck carved at your table with half a lobster each and chips cooked in goose fat.

To finish we shared a selection of desserts. This was not us being greedy as The Crab cleverly serves a medley of sweets to stop you having to choose; something I would definitely recommend.

The fantastic service was topped of by the skills of the restaurant's own sommelier who chose the perfect wines to accompany our meal.

In the morning our visit ended with Eggs Royale - poached egg, smoked salmon, English muffin and hollandaise sauce - and fresh fruit salad from the breakfast buffet.

The whole experience was truly indulgent and romantic; perfect for a couple looking to escape for the weekend. Nearby sights you could visit include the city of Oxford and Newbury Racecourse and there are walks straight from the hotel into the beautiful countryside.

Rooms cost between £120 and £210 per night. The Crab also offers a range of romantic one night breaks from £235, or you can just travel the hour's drive down to enjoy the stunning food - it is worth the journey.

LAURA HANNAM

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DANCELIFE

MILTON Keynes Theatre has joined forces with John Lewis to showcase new local dance talent.

Dancin' 09 is looking for 18 local dance acts to take part.

As part of their 10th and 30th birthday year celebrations respectively, the theatre and John Lewis introduce Dancin' 09, as an exciting two-night dance event featuring an eclectic mix of all types of dance.

Elizabeth Adlington, MK Theatre chief executive, said: "We're committed to supporting talent in our community and joining with our key business partners to do this.

"Working in partnership with John Lewis on Dancin' 09 allows us the perfect opportunity to give local groups a platform to showcase their skills in a professional context."

Deborah Strazza, managing director of John Lewis added: "Dance is one of the most accessible art forms – everyone can dance.

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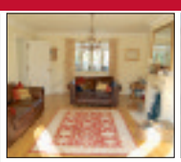
Potterspury £500,000



A rarely available stone built property set in a beautiful village location of Potterspury.

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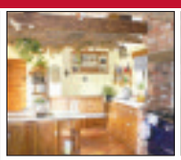
Walton Park £450,000

MORE URGENTLY REQUIRED

Loughton £475,000



A stunning barn conversion situated in Loughton.
*Kitchen with part vaulted ceiling.
*Three reception rooms *Four bedrooms *En-suite and family bathroom
*Exciting cellar which contains a 16' gym two room recording studio and storage room
*Double garage *Wealth of modern living flexibility with character.

Middleton £499,995

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Kingsmead £335,000

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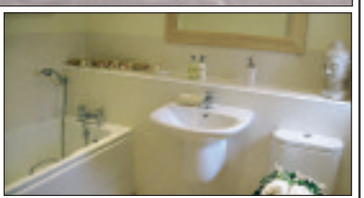
BACKING ONTO PARKLAND £550,000



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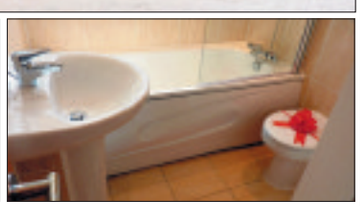

Set behind electric gates, a collection of just 11 private homes in the popular area of Linslade. Just a short walk will bring you to the London rail station and all town centre amenities. Set on a corner plot with garage to the rear and private garden. A traditional 4 bedroom detached with study. Boasting a higher than normal specification with such items as granite worktops. This is also the viewhome so extra's such as carpets and light fitting are included. Outside the private road is gated and block paved. Giving a secure, private setting in this popular residential area. Key in office, viewing highly recommended.

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Monkston OIEO £300,000

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* Dining room
* Family room
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* Refitted bathroom
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* Kitchen/diner
* Conservatory
* Gardens
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* Cloakroom
* Lounge/dining room
* Kitchen
* Master bedroom with en-suite
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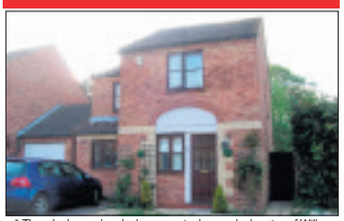

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* Downstairs cloakroom
* Lounge
* Dining room
* Kitchen
* Family bathroom
* Gardens off road parking.

Two Mile Ash £166,995

* Three bedroom house situated in a cul-de-sac location
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* Gardens and off road parking.

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* Bathroom

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* One Bedroom
* Flat
* Double glazing
* Entrance Hall
* Lounge
* Kitchen
* Bathroom
* Allocated Parking

West Bletchley £142,500

* Three Bedrooms
* Terraced Property
* Central Heating
* Double Glazing
* Entrance Porch
* Lounge
* Kitchen/Diner
* Bathroom

Oakhill

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* Conservatory
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* Mid-terrace
* Double Glazing
* Central Heating
* Separate Reception Rooms
* Bathroom
* Gardens

Racecourses £190,000

* Three Bedrooms
* Detached Property
* Double Glazing
* Central Heating
* Separate Reception Rooms
* Family Room
* En-suite to Master
* Off Road Parking

Shenley Brook End £284,995

* Four Bedroom Detached Property
* In Our Opinion Well Presented
* Downstairs Cloakroom
* Lounge & Dining Room
* Kitchen/Breakfast Room
* Conservatory
* En-Suite to Master Bedroom
* Garage

Crownhill

* Three Bedroom Property
* Extended Semi-Detached
* Downstairs Cloakroom
* Lounge & Dining Room
* Study & Utility Room
* Shower Room
* Off Road Parking
* Front & Rear Gardens

'Counties' Guide Price £80,000

* Three Bedrooms
* Semi-Detached Property
* Central Heating
* Double Glazing
* Kitchen/Diner
* Lounge
* Study
* Off Rad Parking

'Castles' £169,995

* Three Bedrooms
* Detached
* Central Heating
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* Very Well Presented * Four Bedroom
* Link Detached Property
* Separate Receptions
* En Suite to Master * Double Glazing
* Gas Radiator Heating
* Viewing is Highly Recommended

Wolverton Guide Price £164,995

* Very Well Presented * Three Bedroom
* Mid Terraced Property
* Double Glazing * Gas Radiator Heating
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* Front and Rear Gardens
* Must Be Viewed!

Castlethorpe £150,000

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* Two Bedroom
* Ground Floor Apartment
* Refitted Kitchen * Refitted Bathroom
* Double Glazing * Off Road Parking
* Must Be Viewed

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* Very Well Presented
* One Bedroom
* Ground Floor Apartment
* Integrated Kitchen
* Off Road Parking
* Must Be Viewed!

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* Two Bedroom
* Victorian Property
* Gas Radiator Heating
* Double Glazing (where specified)
* Rear Garden * No Upper Chain
* Viewing Recommended

Wolverton Guide Price £184,995

* Well Presented
* Three Bedroom * Mid-Terraced
* Victorian Property
* Some Original Features
* Gas Radiator Heating * Cellarette
* Must Be Viewed!

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* Spacious * Four Bedroom
* Detached Property
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* Conservatory
* Viewing Recommended

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* Gardens, Garage and Off Road Parking
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* Double Glazing
* Carport and Gardens
* Must Be Viewed!

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* Two Bedrooms * Very Well Presented
* Refitted Kitchen * Refitted Bathroom
* Gas to Radiator Heating * Garage
* Off Road Parking * Must Be Viewed!!!!

Hanslope £80,000

* Studio Apartment
* Converted Vicarage
* Well Presented
* Residents Parking
* New Double Glazing
* No Upper Chain

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* Kitchen/Diner
* Upstairs Bathroom
* Rear Garden
* No Upper Chain

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*Three Bedroom * Terraced Home
*Gas Central Heating
* Double Glazing * Kitchen/Diner
* Gardens
* No Upper Chain
* Viewing Recommended

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* Cloakroom
* Bathroom
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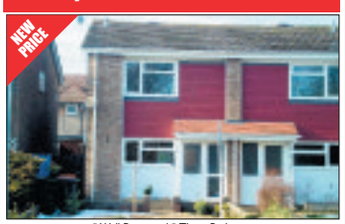

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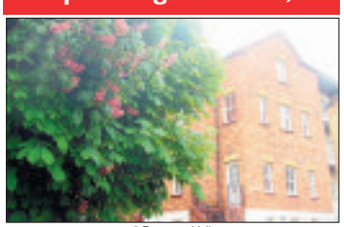
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* Lounge
* Kitchen
*Off Road Parking
* Tel No 01908 611966

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* Lounge
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* Three Bedroom
* Bathroom
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* Lounge
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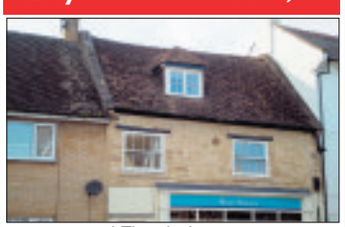
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* Bathroom
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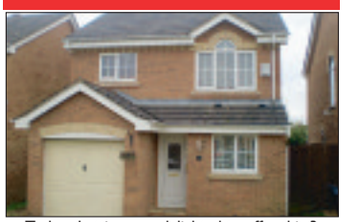

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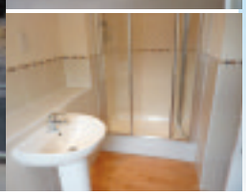

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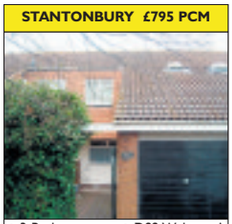

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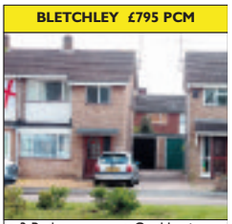

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Local firms in finals of apprentice awards

IT'S an achievement Sir Alan Sugar would be proud of reaching the finals of a prestigious competition to find the nation's best apprenticeship programme.

And for Milton Keynes the success is even more significant, with not one, but two companies beating hundreds of other businesses to be part of the Learning and Skills Council awards.

Electrical contractors SJD Associates of Bletchley and Buckingham based accountancy practice Anthistle Craven are both in the final of the Small Company of the Year category of the LSC awards, which celebrate employers' commitment to developing the skills of their workforce.

Both companies run their apprenticeship programmes in conjunction with Milton Keynes College where the employees study to gain the necessary qualifications to progress in their specialist field.

"It is such a major coup to have two companies on our apprenticeship programme reach the final of the contest," said Alexa Wilkinson of Milton Keynes College.

"Both companies agree that their young apprentices have helped them grow their business significantly."

Ruth Devine of SJD says they introduced the training programmes in 2006 and it is now an integral element of the company strategy, she said: "We feel apprentices are more motivatedand see a future with our company. We have already seen improved loyalty, greater individual responsibility and turnover has increased by 300 per cent since 2006."

The LSC awards ceremony is due to be held at Gatwick on May 20th when host Claudia Winkleman will announce the winners.

Net gain for charities

A GROUP of volunteers from local banks have ditched their suits and donned civvies to help in the community.

Staff from Abbey, Bradford & Bingley and Alliance & Leicester took time out to give back to their communities in which they live and work. Nineteen volunteers from Abbey recently spent the day at Oldbrook First School where they spruced up the primary school's play area by planting flowers, clearing the pond area and making the playground more appealing.

The work is all done through the Community Events programme, where staff will volunteer over 4,000 hours over the next five months to work on various educational schemes with schools, conservation projects, as well as regeneration initiatives in the community.

Dons news team travel is in a different league

MK Dons have enjoyed a fantastic football season on the pitch and off the pitch with the club, along with the help of Wayside Rentals, making giant strides to reduce its carbon footprint.

With around 30 away matches to report on this season, the club's media department joined up with the Dons' local journalists, including MK NEWS, film crews and broadcasters to travel together to make the huge number of miles they collectively have to undertake cheaper, easier and a great deal better for the environment.

Delighted to assist with the 'press gang's' green travel arrangements, Wayside Rentals in Denbigh were only too happy to provide one of their outstanding rental mini-buses to ferry the local hacks up and down Britain's motorways.

And their journeys have not been in vain. The Dons reporters have brought fans all the news from another fantastic campaign on the road for the Dons who, along with Champions Leicester, recorded the highest number of away wins in League One.

"When the club told us that up to six cars were being used to travel to the same game, it made a lot sense to provide them with a suitable vehicle to enable them to travel in just one minibus," said Davina West from Wayside Rentals.

Dons chairman Pete Winkelman was delighted to see the club and Wayside working so ethically.

He said: "This is great example of the many joint ventures and close relationships the club has with several Milton Keynes companies.

"The ethical, forward-thinking of the local media is something to be admired, but it was only with Wayside's commitment that lots of unnecessary journeys were saved.

"Football is no different to any other major industry; you have to constantly look at how you can become more efficient."

The media crew head off with their equipment to Hereford for the last league game of the season in the bus supplied by Wayside

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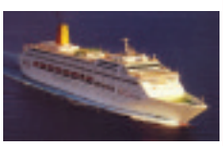

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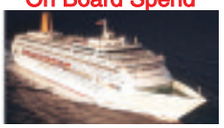

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Pose a question and meet Pete

GOT a burning question on MK you want answered, then a new business event is for you.

Organiser Affinity Live! has teamed up with newsreader Peter Sissons to host a Question Time in Milton Keynes on June 11.

Based on the long-standing television programme, a panel of six influential and local people have been chosen to fight their corner and represent varying opinions on the day.

The topics under discussion will be 'Milton Keynes'; working in the city, living in the city and what can be expected of both in the future.

With such a strong lineup, the debate promises to be as heated as it will be exciting.

The panel will be made up of; Gavin Kibble, finance director of Jungheinrich UK, John Best, ex CEO of Milton Keynes Council, Dr Ann Limb, chairman of Milton Keynes Partnerships, Dr Keith Straughan, dean of University Centre Milton Keynes, Robert Goodman, centre director of the Centre:MK and Julia Upton, CEO of Milton Keynes Community Foundation.

The event takes place in the ballroom at the stadiummk.

An optional package will give ticket holders the opportunity to hear Peter Sissons and will be served with wine and a two-course lunch.

For more information, Neil Muxlow can be contacted directly on 0845 434 8010 or neil@affinitylive.biz

Win a place

YOU can win a place at the event, meet Peter Sissons and ask your question to the panel.
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thecentre:mk's in the pink after Purple Awards

SUPERHEROES and Santa have helped secure thecentre:mk two prestigious awards.

The shopping centre has been honoured by the British Council of Shopping Centres (BCSC) annual Purple Apple Marketing Awards.

It won two Purple Apple Merits, for its public/media relations initiative for 'The Centre for Serious Superheroes' and the digital marketing scheme, 'The Facebooking of Santa Claus'.

The Purple Apple Awards is in its sixth year and is the only awards which recognise and reward effective shopping and town centre marketing with the UK retail sector.

"This is wonderful news for the team at thecentre:mk," said Robert Goodman, centre director of thecentre:mk. "They all worked exceptionally hard on delivering the innovative Superheroes and the Santa's Facebook campaigns.

"These awards are recognition of the dedication and team spirit displayed throughout the year and supports our position as the premier shopping destination between Oxford and Cambridge, Birmingham and London."

thecentre:mk is already working on ideas on how to engage with the local young people on a new category for next year's awards.

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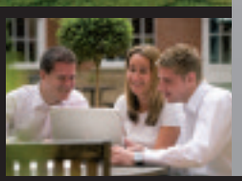

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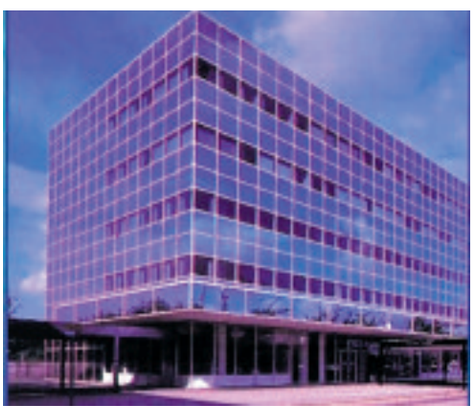

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Promotions and arrivals at lawyers

SHOOSMITHS solicitors has announced three promotions at its MKs office.

Employment specialist Gwynneth Tan is made up to partner; while intellectual property specialist Rachel Parman becomes an associate, along with property litigation lawyer Aisha Abdallah.

Partner and head of office Gary Assim said: "We're very proud of the three individuals who've been promoted. They've continued to work incredibly hard."

Shoosmiths' intellectual property team was boosted with the arrival of new partner Anastasia Fowle, associate Siobhan Atkin and solicitor Sarah Gardner recently joined the employment team.

The property litigation team has been boosted with the arrival of solicitor Lucy Barry who qualified in 2007 and joined from Guildford firm Charles Russell LLP.

New vice principal to develop curriculum

MILTON Keynes Academy has appointed Mark Duke as its new senior vice principal.

The £27m academy will open in September and part of Mark's role is to develop an exciting new curriculum for students aged 14-19.

As well as a whole range of GCSE's and A-levels the new academy will be offering a variety of vocational courses along with a new diploma in creative and media, and later a diploma in business administration and finance.

He said: "We believe there are many paths to success and our ethos is that everyone achieves.

"I am really enjoying the opportunity to work with staff and students to ensure we get the vision and aspirations right for young people of this area."

Mark is working alongside other secondary schools, business representatives and MK College as part of the 14-19 partnership.

With a career in education spanning 27 years Mark has worked in a variety or roles including a teacher of science and maths, assistant head teacher and acting head at schools in Bedfordshire, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire.

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Headteacher: Rosalind Jacklin
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For an application form please contact Kayleigh Harding on 01908 253451 or email kayleigh.harding@milton-keynes.gov.uk

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Teacher of Biology

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Teacher of Chemistry

Part-time

Required for September 2009

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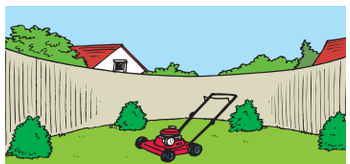

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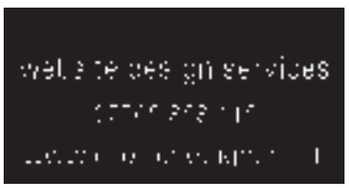

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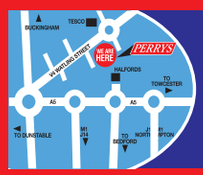

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Morrants Four Counties DIVISION ONE

NEW Bradwell took the honours in a low scoring game with Milton Keynes City.

City were dismissed for just 58 runs, thanks to the bowling of Zaheer Khan who took 5-15.

It was a total that New Bradwell, after an initial wobble, met losing only three wickets in the process.

Winslow Town (149-3) moved up the table with a seven wicket win over North Crawley, Old Bradwell stayed second from bottom after defeat to Aspley Guise.

Bradwell limped to 98 in their hunt for Guise's 194-6.

Eaton Bray moved into fourth place following a 184 run win over Newport Pagnell, elsewhere, Cublington handed Elstow an eight wicket defeat.

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Northants Premier League

STONY Stratford put on a resilient batting display to earn a draw with Old Northamptonians.

Visitors Stony won the toss and asked the home side to bat first, which Old Northamponians did with delight.

Martyn Cory smashed 110 from 115 balls and George Arblaster added an unbeaten 79 as they set 295-5.

Stony looked in danger when skipper Dion Ebrahim was out for nine, and John Lambe was soon back in the pavilion when he was run out for one run.

But Nathan Hawkes (57) held the innings together, alongside Graeme Carter (25) and Jarrod Pretorius to help Stony to 181-7 and a share of the points.

Cherwell League DIVISION ONE

BLETCHLEY Town clinched a dramatic draw in their match with Oxford.

The visitors Oxford posted 133 after some terrific bowling from Ghufran Mohammed (3-27) and Graham Simpson (5-40).

It set up a tense innings for Bletchley who struggled to 99-7 before the tail-end wagged.

Town needed seven runs to win from the last over.

Ward was bowled by the first ball, but when Mark Roberts grabbed a boundary four on the fifth ball, Town needed three to win and two to tie from the last delivery.

Roberts managed to get the ball away and he and James Clark ran two but in the scramble for the third, Clark was short of his ground and the game finished as a tie.

Penalty shoot-out misery for MK Dons

Above: A distraught Jude Stiring with Peter Leven (sitting)
Above right: Jason Puncheon gets a hug after his miss

Devastated

MK DONS 0 (1)
SCUNTHORPE 0 (1)

(0-0 AET, 1-1 on aggregate)
Scunthorpe win 7-6 on penalties

BY SIMONE CORGAN
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DEVASTATED. It was the one word Roberto Di Matteo said that rang around stadiummk after the penalty shoot-out heartache that cost them the Championship.

It was the feeling that, bar the Scunthorpe support, everyone of the 14,479 fans were feeling.

All of a sudden 48 matches meant nothing, but 18 penalties decided that Scunthorpe deserved a place in the play-off final and not the Dons.

Tore Andre Flo was the unfortunate man to miss the decisive spot-kick, yet the Dons had blown two opportunities in the shoot-out to win.

The Dons were to rue both Jason Puncheon and Jude Stirling missing their kicks but manager Roberto Di Matteo refused to lay the blame at the feet of his players.

Di Matteo said: "We were in the driving seat, we had a chance to go one up and obviously if you miss that one then it's psychologically a damage, it's a real shame.

"The players had the courage and the confidence to take the penalties. They're brave, they've given everything, given their best. Penalties are a bit of a lottery and we were on the losing end."

It was a poor second-leg tie, in which both sides had chances to win in normal time, and Scunthorpe had the better moments in front of goal in extra period to stop the penalty lottery.

Sam Baldock had a stinging long range shot palmed away by goalie Joe Murphy and Aaron Wilbraham wished he could have been a few inches taller to get the slightest of touches on Carl Regan's cross which fizzed straight across the goalmouth.

Paul Hayes had numerous opportunities to break the deadlock testing Willy Gueret on several occasions, including one volley-on-the-turn effort.

And David Mirfin forced everyone to hold their breaths as his toe-poke bounced off the post on 115 minutes and forced the spot-kick competition.

Di Matteo said: "We're massively disappointed, I thought we deserved to go through.

"The players have given me everything last season they have been fantastic and it's just, I think it just comes down to destiny."

Clearly the most frustrating part of the season, when the Dons handed over automatic promotion to Peterborough, still touched a nerve with the Italian.

"If you miss out on automatic promotion by two points, then miss out by a penalty to go and have an extra chance to still go up – it's devastating."

MK DONS: Gueret, Regan, Stirling, Llera, Lewington, Wright (Chadwick 70), Howell (Navarro 17), Leven, Puncheon, Baldock (Flo 109), Wilbraham. Booked: Llera

SCUNTHORPE UNITED: Murphy, Byrne (c), Crosby, Mirfin, Trotter, Sparrow, Thompson (Togwell 105), Woolford (Forte 100), McCann, Hayes, Morris. Booked: McCann, Byrne, Murphy

Referee: Neil Swarbrick (Lancashire)
Attendance: 14,479

The cap doesn't fit for Red Bull's boss

AHEAD of the most lavish, glamorous and glitzy race of the Formula One season Red Bull Racing are threatening to quit the sport.

The Monte Carlo Grand Prix this Sunday has been overshadowed by the budget row which has seen five teams state they will withdraw at the end of the season.

Red Bull Racing, Toro Rosso, Renault and Toyota have all gone on record to say they will sever their ties with Formula One if the new budget is brought into effect next year.

The FIA, the sports governing body, announced measures to cap each teams budget at £40 million from 2010.

Red Bull owner Dietrich Mateschitz made his thoughts on the matter clear, he said: "If the proposed rules for 2010 remain unchanged, we will not enter next year's championship - this would be the position of Red Bull Racing and Toro Rosso."

The cap is optional and does not include driver salaries, and for the first year only engine costs would also be excluded, but the teams that sign up to the limit would be given greater technical freedom.

Teams competing under the cap will be able to run constantly adjusting wings, engines with no rev limit, more powerful KERS systems, and, in theory, four-wheel drive.

All the teams must state whether they wish to operate under the salary cap or not by the end of May, as it stands some of the big names in the sport wont take to the track next season.

Billionaire Mateschitz, who owns a 49 per cent share in drinks company Red Bull, bought Jaguar Racing in 2004 and subsequently changed the name to Red Bull Racing and moved the team to it's home in Tilbrook in Milton Keynes.

This season has been Red Bull's most successful to date, and they will be hoping off track matters don't have a knock-on influence this weekend.

Red Bull will be hoping a positive race on the world famous track will keep up the pressure on Brawn GP.

Sabastian Vettel is third in the drivers' championship, and Mark Webber fourth while Red Bull are second in the constructors' championship.

Dietrich Mateschitz: Boss of Red Bull Racing and Toro Rosso

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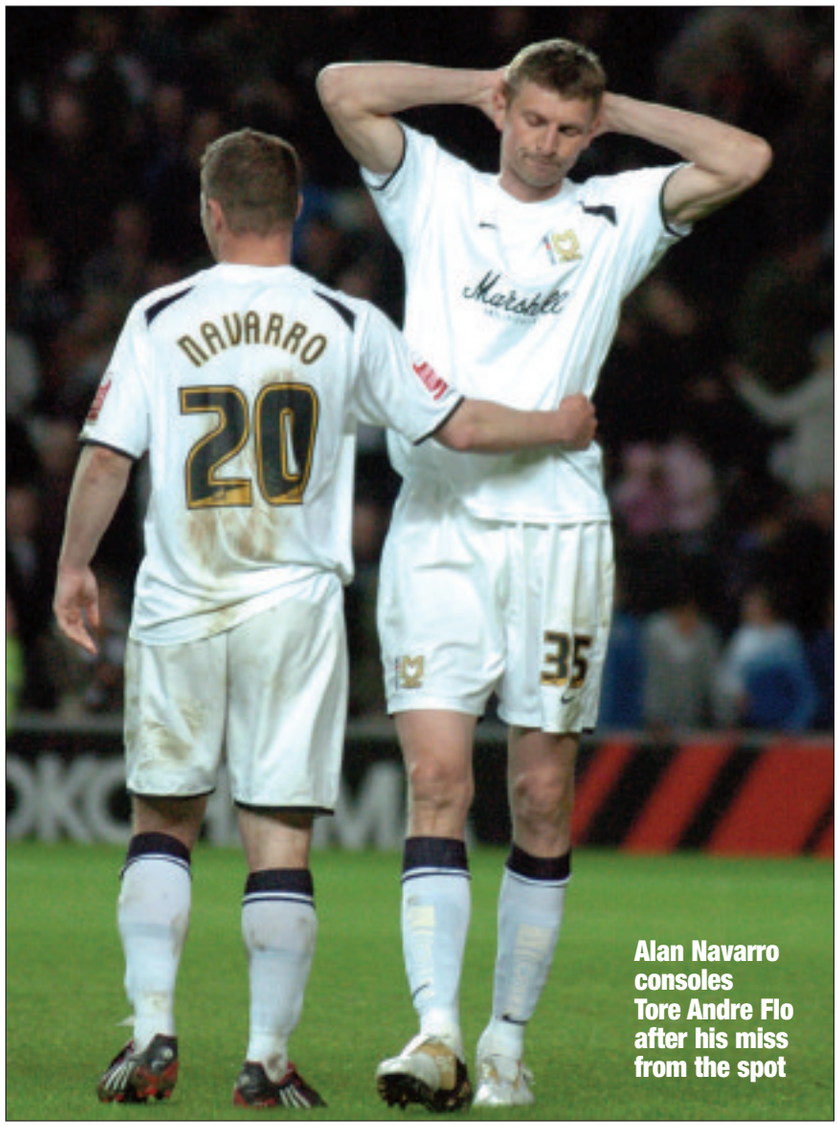
Six shown the door as Dons start to rebuild



Alan Navarro consoles Tore Andre Flo after his miss from the spot

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THE rebuilding for another season in League One has already started at MK Dons.

Six players have been shown the exit door at stadiummk while several have begun talks in extending their time with the club.

Jemal Johnson, Alan Navarro, Ali Gerba, Tore Andre Flo, Flavien Belson and Nathan Abbey were all released by the Dons yesterday, while Luke Howell agreed a new one-year deal.

The club are still negotiating with Miguel Llera, Carl Regan, Danny Swailes and Mark Wright.

After suffering defeat in the play-offs to Scunthorpe, the Dons will be targeting automatic promotion, which they came so close to this year, as the only way to reach the Championship.

And to do so Roberto Di Matteo has started reshaping his side, which began with lengthy talks with chairman Pete Winkelman on Sunday.

The pair met to discuss the targets for the 2009-10 season, as well as identifying new faces for the club, but Winkelman says fans should not expect an influx of new players for over-the-odds prices.

Speaking exclusively to MK NEWS on the prospect of giving Di Matteo money to spend in the summer months, the Dons chairman said: "We run a sustainable football club. People have criticised me for not spending more money, letting certain players go because we wouldn't pay their wages but it isn't just the wages for one individual player. It's about the way that you run your club and you've got to run it fairly. I make no apologies for making sure we run a tight ship, and making sure we don't over spend."

But he does recognise the Dons will have to strengthen if they are to challenge for a top two finish next season.

He added: "In League One we're becoming a big club. I'm certain that as we look at Southampton, Charlton, Norwich, they'll all be looking at Leeds and Milton Keynes. To be talked about in that context after just a few years of existence is a mighty achievement. We'll try and give Robby every resource he needs but we'll make no promises for super expenditure in a time when that wouldn't be the most sensible thing to do."

As the man who brought football to Milton Keynes, no one felt the hurt of their penalty defeat in the play-offs quite like Winkelman did.

"They say it's either celebration or desolation, it was definitely the latter," Winkelman said.

"I'm long enough in football already, and long enough in life to know if it's going for you, it's going for you. If it's not quite going for you then that wont quite be enough and I think that's what the season represented.

"We're growing as a football pace, our support is getting bigger, better, louder and stronger. I think with the sort of division League One is going to be next season I don't think it's a bad place to be."

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